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# PREFACE.

THE nature of many of the documents contained in the present volume of this Calendar differs so materially from that of ordinary State Papers as to need some explanation.

Joseph Williamson, afterwards Sir Joseph Williamson and Secretary of State, took upon himself the editorship of the London Gazette, supplanting in that office Roger L'Estrange, surveyor of the press. On October 15, 1665, he wrote to L'Estrange,* declining an application for assistance in collecting news, but offering to procure him a salary of 100*l.* a year, if he were willing to give up his right in the "Newsbook," the duties of which he had represented as burdensome, and the profits inconsiderable. L'Estrange writes in alarm to Lord Arlington, representing that he shall be ruined if forced to relinquish the Newsbook, which he now confesses to be worth 400*l.* a year, but states that the preliminary expenses were heavy, those for spies amounting to 500*l.* the first year, beside the providing a home and assistants; he urges that though he has doubled the size and price of the Newsbook, and increased its value from 200*l.* to 400*l.* or 500*l.* a year, he has been no gainer as yet, and has brought upon himself the malice of the "whole rabble faction" by his employment. He pleads also his courage in remaining in London during the plague, although it came into his

* Vol. CXXXIV., No. 103.

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own family, and 80 of the printing trade died of it, and hopes such services will outweigh the late miscarriage in public intelligence with which he is charged.* His pleadings were futile; the editorship was handed over to Williamson, whose official position, combined with his laborious business habits, well fitted him for the post, and the new paper was generally well received.†

For the sake of gaining authentic information, he established correspondences with persons official or private, in the leading seaports and in a few other towns of England, and also in many of the chief continental cities; their business was to give him accounts of the principal events transpiring, especially the arrival and departure of ships, and of such enemy's vessels as in that troublous time were seen hovering about the coast. Large numbers of these letters, for several successive years, have found their way to the State Paper collection, along with Williamson's more official papers, as secretary of Lord Arlington. They formed the basis of the news contained in the Gazette, and from them may be gathered much information relating to trade and local events.

In return for these letters of intelligence, copies of the Gazette were regularly transmitted to correspondents, and those who could afford to pay for them had, moreover, MS. letters of news sent them periodically. In this latter branch of business, Williamson had a rival in Hen. Muddiman, who, having been a news collector to the preceding editor L'Estrange, and having had a large correspondence, contrived to secure a continuance of his privilege of having his letters transmitted free through the post; by engaging himself to Sir William Morice, Lord Arlington's co-

* Vol. CXXXIV., No. 117; and CXXXV., Nos. 8, 24.
† Vol. CXXXVII., Nos. 24, 38, 99.

Secretary of State, he got possession of much official information, and insinuated everywhere that Morice was the principal secretary, the one most trusted by the King. Williamson's zealous coadjutor, James Hickes, senior clerk at the post office, exerted himself might and main to thwart Muddiman. He wrote to all his correspondents to assure them that Muddiman, being dismissed by Williamson from the management of his correspondence, for turning it to his own advantage, could not communicate much news, and that his letters were no longer to be franked. To open opposition he added less honourable means of thwarting this rival newsmonger. The existence amongst Williamson's papers of numerous letters written by Muddiman to his correspondents affords significant evidence that they were intercepted at the post office by Hickes, and never reached their destination.* A reference to these letters will show the variety and importance of the subjects they embrace; and it was occasionally said that they were fuller than similar letters written by Robert Francis, Williamson's agent for his MS. news letters to subscribers.

Among the noticeable points in the papers calendared in the present volume, are the details of the plague in London, which was decimating the inhabitants, and spreading with fearful rapidity.

Thos. Povey, writing to Williamson, from Sion Hill, October 5, 1665,† says:—

"I have been engaged in soliciting matters of money two or three days in a week at London, until the bills [of mortality] swelled to about 8,000, and since have been daily entertained

* See pp. 17, 21, 251, 280, 306, 322, 398. For Hickes' version of his quarrel with Muddiman, see Vol. CLX., No. 149.

† Vol. CXXXIV., No. 51.

in providing for the nnmerous infected persons on both hands of me, there having died more than 300 in Brentford and Isleworth; and death is now become so familiar, and the people so insensible of danger, that they look upon such as provide for the public safety as tyrants and oppressors; whilst neither the richer sort will be brought to contribute, nor the meaner to submit, though to their own apparent good and preservation."

Although collections were made in churches and rates levied for the relief of the suffering poor, society had fallen into such a state of disorganization, through the callous recklessness of the lower classes and the selfish shrinking of the upper from those beneficent exertions needful to alleviate the general calamity, that the few persons of influence who had not absolutely abandoned the city found themselves beset with difficulties in attempting to grapple with the general misery.

Edmund Godfrey,* writing to the Earl of Newport, December 19th, 1665,† records that the poor people

"cry out upon the dearness of fuel and want of employment, by reason of the King and Court having been so long out of town, and some of the courtiers, nobility, and gentry forgetting of their debts as well as their charity, which impntation we are all sure can nowise concern your honour, who have been so transcendently eminent in both. We have caused an order to be made for filling np of all the churchyards where many have been buried with rubbish mould, and other earth to be brought in by cart and laid on the respective graves and ground there, at least a yard high. This week we intend to seal warrants for public sessions of the peace to be kept at Westminster the week after Twelfth-day. We have caused orders to be pnblished in print that

* This writer is the unfortunate Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, who was murdered in 1678. Burnet speaks of him as "an eminent justice of the peace that lived at Whitehall," and says "he had the conrage to stay in London and keep things in order during the plague, which gained him much repntation, and upon which he was knighted."

† Vol. CXXXIX., No. 68.

all persons who are gone out of town without paying their respective rates and taxes due on the Royal Aid, that their houses shall be broke open by the constables and collectors, upon orders from the Commissioners here for the same by Act of Parliament, unless they do forthwith satisfy the said duties, and that their goods and household stuff shall in their absence be sold for the payment thereof, according to Act of Parliament, and I wish we had as good a power and law for levying of the pest rate and poor's rate. We would not have undergone so much inconvenience and censure as we have done for making no better provision for the visited or poor, though I believe they were never so well relieved in any plague time whatsomever, thanks to the lords and other honourable persons, and our good benefactors; but I am ashamed to acquaint your honour, though nothing but truth, that not half our pest or poor's rate is paid by them who are charged therewith, and of right ought to pay the same, who are and have been most of them out of town all this time of visitation, and not taken care to pay anything of what is justly rated and assessed on them.

"This week's bill doth somewhat increase in Westminster, but abates very considerably in St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Covent Garden, and other parts at our end of the town, whereby upon the whole, by the best measure we can take of things, we conclude it will be a decreasing bill, though it may be not so much as was hoped for."

It was thought that a more rigid enforcement of sanitary regulations might tend to arrest the disorder. The Duke of Albemarle, who, with the Earl of Craven, had the firmness to remain in London, to encourage the lower orders by his presence and to repress disorders, writes to Lord Arlington, from the Cockpit, 20th January 1666,* suggesting that the King should

"write a letter to my Lord Craven, another to my Lord Mayor, and a third to Sir John Robinson, to acquaint the justices of peace that it is His Majesty's pleasure that they be very strict in shutting up the houses. My Lord Craven is very diligent in it; and in the letter to him, it will do well to take notice that, being

* Vol. CXLV., No. 88.

(seeing) the rest were wrote to, His Majesty thought fit to write to him. But for the probate of wills, it were well that there were some course taken, that before they dispose of the goods in the houses, there may be care taken by the justices of peace to order the constables to see them well aired, before they are removed from the houses, for that has increased the sickness as much as any one thing; I hope you will have a much lesser bill this week than the last, by so much as I can guess."

These suggestions received immediate consideration, for under the date of February 14th* we find a letter from the Council to the Earl of Craven and other Justices of Middlesex and Westminster, enjoining upon them care in reference to burial places, the removal of the sick to the pest house, and precautions against the spreading of the contagion.

The Earl of Craven, in reply to this mandate, reported the proceedings of the justices as follows†:—

"Since the receipt of the letter from the Lords of the Council, there has been several meetings of the justices of the peace, both to review the orders formerly made by the Council Board, as well as their own, and many directions thereupon given and warrants issued forth to the respective officers, as the present occasion required, both for the preservation of the inhabitants from the infection of the plague, as well as making provision for such as were shut up and were in want.

"The Lord Bishop of London was consulted withal concerning burial places, who could not consecrate any ground unless a perpetuity of the same might be first obtained. Nevertheless the justices have directed that such persons who die of the sickness shall be buried in the late usual places assigned for that purpose.

"Such infected who were removeable were sent to the pest house, and others who could not have been shut up; their doors were marked with a red cross, [and "Lord have mercy upon us," in capital letters,‡] for 40 days, wardens appointed to guard them

* Vol. CXLVIII., No. 9.

† Vol. CXLIX., No. 88.

‡ The words within brackets are an addition from par. 11 in the succeeding document, p. xvi.

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within as well as hinder the approach of company from without, &c., with a white cross afterwards for the same time; there has been no complaints brought to the justices of any neglect herein, but do believe that due execution hath been generally made of this order, having themselves made a particular observation in several places.

"The churchyards have not been so generally covered with lime, in regard of the dearness and scarcity thereof, there being not a sufficient quantity to be had for that end and purpose, but much fresh earth and lime has been laid in many churchyards, and those bodies which have been there buried so deep laid that we hope no inconveniency can from thence arise. Besides special care is taken not to open the same graves again.

"The streets are daily cleansed, and the filth carried away by the raker, who brings his carts every morning, and giving notice thereof to the inhabitants by the sound of his bell, to the end that every particular house also may be cleared of its filth. As to the lay-stalls too near the streets and passages, much care has been taken for to remove them, many difficulties having arisen therein, by reason of titles in law which the proprietors had therein. Notwithstanding, by the industry and diligence of the justices, some are already quite removed, and the rest we hope in a very short time will be removed, to the great advantage of the inhabitants, as well as to the satisfaction of the Lords of the Council's order.

"Beggars have been and are daily removed and punished, and provision made for the poor of each parish, according to law.

"As to the state of the pest-house, the justices have frequently and very lately considered of it, and do conceive it highly convenient for the preservation of the adjacent parishes that they were enlarged, that in Westminster being able to contain but 60 persons, and that other in the Soho but 90 persons, which now serves for St. Martin's, St. Clement's, St. Paul's Covent Garden, and St. Mary Savoy—scarce large enough for one of the said parishes. That in St. Giles's will contain but 60 persons, which, considering the multitude of poor in that parish, cannot be of any considerable use if the sickness break out amongst them. Now, how these may be enlarged, or indeed continued as they are, for the public use of the fore-mentioned parishes, — the ordinary taxes and parochial duties being so numerous, the middling sort of persons so much impoverished by the late calamity of the plague, so few, or rather none, of the nobility and gentry likely to continue here in case it should please God that the plague break out again,—is submitted

to the wisdom of the Board, whose aid and assistance is, with all humility and speed, begged herein, it being the most probable means of hindering the spreading of the contagion amongst us.

"The business of inmates and inhabitants in cellars has been very often debated and advised upon by the justices, and although many difficulties have appeared to them, by reason of particular leases and contracts between the respective householders and inmates for a certain term of years yet to come, and in regard that several of the said inmates, most of which are poor, necessitous persons, and if once removed, would prove excessively chargeable to the parishes (which at this time are least able to bear it), notwithstanding the justices have made a progress herein, having convened before them all the respective landlords within the adjacent parishes, and taken an account of each particular case, to the end that this affair might be put in such a method that in a short time they doubt not but to give a good account hereof, very many being removed already, and are daily removing."

A series of regulations, founded on the above document, after careful revision by the authorities in London most conversant with the details of the subject, was printed on May 11,* and published by His Majesty's command, with additions forbidding strangers to lodge in any city, town, or village, without a sufficient certificate of health, and the consent of the next justice of peace, or chief magistrate; ordering

"That no old household goods whatsoever be received into any city, borough, town, village or hamlet, coming from any place suspected to be infected with the plague, without sufficient certificate.

"That all public meetings and concourses of people, as much as may be, (especially to funerals, wakes, or revels,) be prohibited where there is any suspicion of the plague.

"That fires, in moveable pans or otherwise, be made in all necessary public meetings, in churches, &c., and convenient fumes to correct the air be burnt thereon.

"That care be taken that no unwholesome meats, stinking fish, flesh, musty corn, or any other unwholesome food, be exposed to sale in any shops or markets.

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* Vol. CLV., No. 102.

"That no swine, dogs, cats, or tame pigeons be permitted to pass up and down in streets, or from house to house, in places infected.

" * * That no more alehouses be licensed than are absolutely necessary in each city or place, especially during the continuance of this present contagion.

"That each city and town forthwith provide some convenient place remote from the same, where a pest-house, huts, or sheds, may be erected, to be in readiness in case any infection should break out, which, if it shall happen to do, that able and faithful searchers and examiners be forthwith provided, and sworn to search all suspected bodies for the usual signs of the plague, viz.: swellings or risings under the ears or arm-pits, or upon the groins; blains, carbuncles, or little spots, either on the breast or back, commonly called tokens."

"Lastly, that you take special care, that not only the monthly fasts, but that the public prayers on Wednesday and Fridays also be strictly and constantly observed, according to His Majesty's proclamation. And that such collections as shall be then made, be strictly applied to the relief and necessities of the poor in infected places, &c., &c."

During the year 1665, in which the number of christenings in London are recorded at 9,967, the deaths were 97,306, and of these 68,596 were of the plague. Its fury, however, was well nigh spent. In January 1666, the deaths from plague were reduced to 60 or 70 a week, by June they had sunk to 20 or 30, a slight increase took place in the autumn, but in December they had subsided to 4.† Early in February 1666, the King once more ventured to return to Whitehall.

In proportion as the disease retired from London, it spread in remoter parts of the country; but its ravages were chiefly confined to the eastern and southern maritime counties, excepting a few solitary instances at Newcastle

† The bills of mortality will be printed in a tabular form at the end of the year 1666, and will, therefore, not appear till the succeeding volume of this Calendar.

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and Gateshead, resulting from the constant intercourse with London necessitated by the coal trade. Several towns in Kent, Sussex, and Hampshire, and particularly Deal, suffered severely.

Col. Walter Slingsby, Governor of the Isle of Wight, writing to Williamson, on October 30, 1665,* says—

"Here happened a desperate action the other day. Two young fellows (seamen belonging to some of His Majesty's ships newly come into harbour at Portsmouth), upon promise of a reward from the mother dwelling here, ventured up in the night to Southampton, to fetch away the daughter. One of them went up stairs in the house where they were all dead but this maid, and brought down her chest, and afterwards in the night landed her in this island. After four days she was discovered, and all with her shut up, among the rest one of these seamen. The other was, before discovery, got on board the King's ship again,—he that brought down the chest. But we have given notice to Sir Will. Berkeley, who hath seized and will try him at court martial."

A letter from Portsmouth, May 10, 1666, records†—

"Blessed be God there is little of the plague in Portsmouth; but four that I can hear of hath in or about the town died these seven days, but many have the distemper, with sores, and swellings, but few dying of [it], yet 12 died last week. The people are so wicked in that town that it's reported they take their foul plasters from their sores, and in the night throw them into the window in fresh houses."

Anthony Cooley, a Canterbury correspondent, writes to Williamson, November 9, 1665‡—

"There died this week two of the plague, one in the city, the other in the suburbs, occasioned by the covetousness of the parties, one posting to London and bringing down goods from infected places, the other by sending for goods down, and if care be not taken, 'tis very much feared the latter will be greater than the former.

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* Vol. CXXXV., No. 109. † Vol. CLV., No. 88.
‡ Vol. CXXXVI., No. 72.

From Falmouth, which had not yet been touched, a correspondent writes on November 11*—

"I am advised that the last week there hath been seen abundance of ravens croaking about the town, to the admiration of the inhabitants, and some of the oldest people of the town saith that, some several years past, when there was a great plague they had the like sign; so that it doth much trouble them, for fear the like plague may fall upon them again, which God prevent."

The provincial town which suffered most severely was Norwich, where the disease broke out with fury when it was subsiding elsewhere.

A letter dated July 9, 1666, records that†—

"In our city since last Saturday there is in the market place two houses broke out, which make such a distraction, as people post out of town as fast as they can. I myself saw this day at least ten carts lading away stuff, and men, women and children coached away into country."

The deaths in that week were 87, 63 being of plague; in August they rose to 203 from plague out of 220, but in October they sank from 127 to 68, and by the end of the year were reduced to 11 deaths out of 21 from plague. The population was so lessened that the average of weekly christenings fell from 19 to 10.

One of the greatest difficulties experienced was in the transmission of letters, especially to Court, to avoid as much as possible their passing through the infected districts. The following prescribes certain cautions to be observed:

Lord Arlington to Mr. Bennet, November 11, 1665‡—

"Being informed this day that divers houses near to yours in Sherborne are visited with the sickness, and considering how

* Vol. CXXXVI., No. 96. † Vol. CLXII., No. 16.
‡ Vol. CXXXVI., No. 103.

dangerous it may be to that road for you to continue still there, I think it necessary that you remove to some other place thereabouts your office for the gathering and dispatching letters and posts, which I require you to do with all possible speed, and to return not till your town be free of the infection. I have sent warrants to the justices and other officers of Dorset and Somerset, to admit your horse and foot posts into the towns and villages, at least to suffer the watchmen to receive the packets you send, and to bring out others, by which means I hope the general correspondence will not be much disturbed till it shall please God to remove His visitation from the town. In the mean time it will behove you to be very wary and careful to prevent the spreading of the contagion."

The plague was not the only calamity with which the nation was visited. During the period embraced by the present volume, the Dutch, burning to revenge their defeat of June 1665, were hovering about the coasts, the French were pledged to assist them, and the discontented party in England was more than suspected of favouring their movements. On October 23, 1665, the King thus addresses the Lord Lieutenant of Kent: *

"Right trusty, &c.

"Whereas we have received advice that the Dutch fleet hath appeared a second time upon our coasts, although we see no reason to believe they intend any considerable attempt at land, nor that indeed they are in a condition at present to do it, yet for the better security and quiet of those parts, and of our good subjects there, we have thought fit hereby to signify our pleasure to you, that you forthwith take order to have the militia of that county in such readiness as, upon the shortest warning, such part thereof may be by you assembled and drawn together as shall be found necessary, for the preventing any descent or other insult the Dutch may endeavour to make upon the coast; without giving in the meantime other or further trouble to the inhabitants or the militia, than that they keep themselves in a vigilant posture and readiness, if there shall be reason hereafter to call them together, which, if there shall be occasion, you are forthwith to do, and to employ them in the

* Entry Book 20, p. 89.

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best and most effectual manner you can, for the defence of the coasts against the attempts of the enemy; and from time to time to return us an account of what shall happen in this matter. In which we expect your particular care and vigilance."

Similar letters were sent to the Lord Lieutenants of several other south-eastern counties, accompanied, where needful, with orders to search for arms, secure disaffected persons, and guard against internal risings. The winter put a partial stop to dangers from abroad, but they were renewed in the spring. The Duke of Albemarle and Prince Rupert were sent out in search of the enemy. The Duke remained in the Downs with 57 or 60 vessels whilst the Prince with 20 more steered westward, in expectation of meeting the French fleet and preventing its junction with the Dutch.* On June 1st the Dutch fleet was descried, and the Duke, without waiting for the Prince to join him, gave orders for the attack. About this fight much controversy has arisen, as to whether imprudence or treason should be ascribed to those who counselled first the division of the fleet, and then the engagement when thus divided. The particulars are therefore given in full, as they appear in a letter to Lord Arlington, from Sir Thos. Clifford, who was sent expressly from Court to gain the fullest information. It is as follows:—

"On board the Royal Charles,†
June 5, 1666.

"My Lord,

"I shall not be so particular with your lordship as formerly upon the like cases, accidents and occasions not being altogether so agreeable, and in truth the frequent meeting with things makes them seem to me not so worthy observation as at the first, but I shall begin from the time I writ my last from Harwich. We embarked there according as I writ your lordship I was about. Upon Friday night the 1st instant, we had a fresh gale of wind

* Vol. CLVII., Nos. 38–42; Vol. CLVIII., No. 5.
† Vol. CLVIII., No. 46 I.

all night and next morning, by eight of the clock of which, we made both the fleets engaged, and they had been so from three of the clock in the afternoon the day before, for my Lord General going that day for the Gun Fleet, his scouts brought him notice of the Dutch fleet near him, and so made his engagement of them almost necessary. By 11 of the clock Saturday, we came close up to the engagement with our little shallop of six guns, and my Lord of Ossory would fain have had an opportunity of giving the Dutch Admiral a broadside in her. By two of the clock, in the heat of the fight, with much ado we got into the R. Charles, where we found all things well, and matters looked with a good aspect on our side for two or three hours, but then, after another pass, five of our better sort of ships of the second and third rates were so shattered that they made—some with leave and others without leave—toward our own ports, which was a great disheartening to the rest, especially since so many good ships also had left the fleet the day before, immediately after the first pass, without any notice of their condition given to my Lord General, of which were the Henry, the Swiftsure, the Rainbow, the Loyal Merchant, and, I think, the Portland. In fine, upon Saturday night, we found we could make but 34 fighting ships, and the Dutch hard enough upon us; and then there was nothing to be heard among the common seamen but complaints against dividing our fleet and sending away Prince Rupert. This was a strait, and my Lord General's conduct was here well seen to be very good, for he chose out 16 of the greatest ships of these 34, to be a bulwark to the rest, and bring up the rear in a breast, and so shoved on the other in a line before him, and in this manner we maintained an orderly and good retreat all Sunday, the 3rd instant, till about three of the clock that afternoon, when from topmast head we made a fleet coming toward us, which we supposed to be, as it was, Prince Rupert and his squadron. Within little we made their flags and hulls, and then in our whole fleet there was such shouting, and the English halloo that the Dutchmen that were all along firing at us were at a little pause, however kept on after us, and we, endeavouring to join with Prince Rupert, fell too near the shoal ground, and first the Royal Charles herself struck upon the sands they call the Galloper, but came presently well off, so did also the Royal Katharine; but the Royal Prince, drawing more water than either, stuck fast. The Dutch with their small frigates immediately made toward her, attended with a fire-ship or two, and we sent four or five of our frigates to defend her, that

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drew least water, and we ourselves would come as near as we durst for the sands; but to the wonder of the whole fleet, we saw the flag and ancient struck, and she yielded when she had not herself either shot ten guns in her defence or received ten shot from the enemy; 15 of their men came to us in their boats, and they say they had four fathom of water upon one side, and but two on the other of their ship. When we had joined with Prince Rupert, we hastened up where she lay, for though the Dutch had possession of her, yet she still stuck fast, and when they saw they could not keep her, they set her on fire, the sight of which was a sensible touch to every man's heart in our fleet, especially since a little resistance would have preserved her, and that she was so well able to stand it out. She was like a castle in the sea, and I believe the best ship that ever was built in the world to endure battering, but she is gone, and this is an ill subject to be long upon.

This evening, the 3rd, we followed the Dutch as close as we could and the night would permit us. Monday morning, the 4th instant, at sun rising we had sight of them only at topmast head, to the windward of us. We made what haste we could to them, and they staid for us till we came at a convenient distance, and then made toward us. They, having the wind, kept at a greater post from us than we would have been willingly at, and therefore our braver commanders, impatient of it, bore in upon them to go through and through, of which were Sir Christopher Mings and Sir Robert Holmes in several places, that had each many brave seconds, and they had success enough,for hy it we divided their fleet and did them much mischief, though to give them, the enemy, also their due, they soon, upon many of those passes that day, came together again with great art and dexterity. We made five passes this day, and not one of them ended but with a good appearance and aspect upon our side, in which we fired several of their ships and they not one of ours, and at the last of them, about five of the clock, we divided their fleet, fell so after them in the rear that in plain terms, those that were to leeward of us in dividing of their fleet, set all the sail they could and began to run, and while we were in chase of them and picking up some of their lame geese, that part of the fleet that was to windward of us tacks upon us; and being then divided, part with the Prince and part with the Duke of Albemarle, they gave the Duke of Albemarle's squadron no breath at all, bnt tack immediately again upon us. The Prince in the Royal James had in the last post lost his mizen and main

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topmast, and his squadron was at such a distance that they could not come to our relief, being also so shattered and maimed; and most of our own frigates, to avoid the shock, runs to leeward and shelter themselves under the Royal Charles. Scarce any but the Defiance diverted the enemy from pouring their whole broadside upon us; but we bore it well enough, though at this time very much disabled in our rigging and masts, which indeed was the only aim of the Dutch, for the most part placing their shot above our hulls. De Ruyter soon observed the advantage he had by our fleets being divided and both our admirals disabled, that he makes again a sudden tack upon us. My Lord General, as ill as his ship was, gives order for tacking likewise to preserve our lamed frigates; but having received in the pass before two shots in his powder room, between wind and water, they could not be stopped but by standing upon the same course; besides our main topmast was so disabled by a shot, through him that we were fain to lower our main topsail, and our foremast had received so many shots that it was the general opinion there was danger of bringing her by the board in tacking, and no signs for any of the rest to tack would prevail anything with them, so that we were forced to see them fall upon our frigates in the rear, without being able to rescue them; but we saw also by this they could do us but little harm, indeed none at all, if the Essex had not most indiscreetly and unskilfully fallen foul of a prize, a Dutch frigate that we had just before taken, by which not only the Essex but the said frigate fell again into their hands. The Convertine also, being an old Dutch ship and a slow sailer, was overtaken by two of their little frigates, and without shooting a gun or making any resistance, she struck her ancient and yielded. We might else have brought her off with some of our frigates; but Captain Pearce, the commander, was the more to be blamed for that he had scarce engaged the whole day. Our business was now to bear away before a wind to join with the Prince's squadron, and this cannot be called even by the Hollanders a running away, but the proper course to join, which was the most justifiable working, and when we were joined, the Dutch made no further after us. But by this time it was sunset, and most of our ships in an ill condition, as I have told your lordship our two admirals were, otherwise we might have steered to have met with them this morning again, for by all that we can guess by the working of the enemy, they were as glad to be quit of us as we of them, for in that

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last pass before the division of our fleet, at least ten of their frigates got homeward maimed, and perchance, if the two generals had been in one ship, or if either of the courses that either of them had taken had been jointly followed, viz., either to have pursued them in the rear that we had severed to the leeward of us, or to have tacked to have weathered their whole fleet, perchance we had done their work, and not have left it as it is now for a drawn battle; for if the losses of each side be considered, the enemy hath little cause to boast, for besides that we took, we burnt in the four days' flight seven of their men-of-war, and all their men are lost, which is a considerable one to them. We have still in custody the captain of the frigate we took. Now on the other hand, our loss of the Royal Prince was great, so was the Essex and Convertino, and their men too are considerable; however, they are not so bad as the men of the Dutch ships, for ours are but prisoners, and redeemable, and so our stock not diminished, whereas theirs are blown up or drowned; and for our two other ships, viz., the Black Eagle and St. Paul, two old Dutch ships, that were one sunk and the other fired by us when she was unserviceable by shots and leaks, we saved all the men of both, and I do not yet hear of any other loss we have, only there is discourse about the fleet as if the Swiftsure were taken, but she hath not been seen at all in their fleet, but on the contrary Sir John Chicheley says he saw her go off clear, after the first pass upon Friday. We have yet no news, neither of those ships I mentioned in the beginning, that went off with him; we do yet also miss Sir Christopher Mings and the Rupert, but have no reason to doubt but they are well, though not with us.

The damage to the Hollands fleet must needs be as much, if not more than ours, for there were left of them now, at last, not above 40, and they were in the beginning 84 fighting ships. It must be confessed many of ours got away after the first day, for when Prince Rupert came to us, we had but 34 ships, and if the King do not cause some of the captains to be hanged, he will never be well served. We hear of two good ships that were coming out of the swing to put to sea when they heard shooting again they went back; we have this relation from a ketch. By this backwardness in some of the captains, the King still loses the stoutest, for when they engage frankly and are not seconded, the enemy hath advantage upon them, and often cuts them off, when the cowardly ones still remain to omit their duties another time. If a severe course be not taken

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in this matter, this is alone enough to ruin any great action of our fleet.

"This quitting of the seas is more than ever yet the Hollander could obtain, and though it be for the present some honour to them, and may, abroad, somewhat lessen our reputation, yet that will signify but little to them or us, if ammunition and stores be suddenly provided, for this is the chiefest matter that is wanting, some of the ships having spent all to five or six rounds or less; provisions also must be thought upon, and then if Sir Jo. Mennes bring money enough to pay off the arrears, the men will be in better heart than ever. I heard some of them mutter that they had twenty months behind; these things will be necessary to be hastened. It is also requisite that Sir William Coventry direct a new press for seamen, and if these matters can be dispatched, that our fleet may be upon their coast before they are ready, the world will then see who had the greatest loss, and the Hollanders' brags, which undoubtedly they will set forth to the world in a high measure, will vanish and turn to their disadvantage.

"I am not yet certain of the number of our slain and wounded, but by my strictest inquiry and by conferring with my Lord General, we conclude there cannot be less than 1,500 wounded and 800 slain on our part; we have not lost many commanders beside Capt. Terne, Capt. Bacon, and the captains of the Unicorn, the Triumph, and St. George. The Prince and Duke Albemarle gave the command of the last ship to my Lord of Ossory, who had a mind to do a brave action upon Monday, the great day of the fight, and to that end, according to his commission, he took possession of her Sunday night, but we found her in a condition totally unserviceable; she could not make sail either with foremast or mainmast, and therefore my lord, intending by the command to do more than ordinary, finding it impossible to do so much as others in ships better conditioned, prudently declined going in her in the great fight, and so returns to the R. C. She was also leaky in her powder room, and had very few rounds left in her. My lord was the most pleased man with the command that ever I saw in my life upon the first view of the ship, before her defects and wants were seen."

In this action the losses on the enemy's side proved severe; out of 90 ships, they had 6 or 7 burned, 1 sunk,

and 20 disabled.* Both parties claimed the victory and appointed thanksgiving days for their success,† and each was anxious to prove, by being out at sea again before his antagonist, the truth of his pretensions.‡ On June 29 the Dutch fleet of 70 or 80 sail was visible.§ The English in equal numbers were in the Downs, but wanting additional men, till by vigorous impress many were supplied, and 15 small ships were dismissed, in order that their men might be withdrawn to fill up the numbers on more available vessels.‖ A fight was now eagerly expected, as the fleet had increased to 88 men-of-war and 17 fire-ships;** on the 25th the engagement began, and after it had lasted three days, the Dutch suffered a serious defeat, and were driven back into the Texel.††

The sympathy with which the sterner men of the Nonconformist party regarded the attempts of the enemy was caused by their hopes of an alteration in the government and of the restoration of the Republican, or, at least, of the Protectorate form, and these hopes were cherished by the numerous English exiles who were refugees in Holland, but still held extensive correspondence with England. Precautions were therefore thought necessary, and the following circular letter‡‡ was issued by the King to the Lord Lieutenants of all the counties in England:—

"July 15, 1666.

"Right trusty, &c.,

"We have already upon different occasions signified to you the reasons we had to suspect an invasion intended of these our

* Vol. CLVIII., No. 50.
† Vol. CLIX., Nos. 4, 50; Vol. CLXI., No. 1.
‡ Vol. CLIX., Nos. 96, 106; and Vol. CLX., No. 57.
§ Vol. CLX., Nos. 73, 108.
‖ Vol. CLXIII., No. 76.
** Vol. CLIV., No. 2.
†† Vol. CLXV., Nos. 2, 5, 8.
‡‡ Entry Book, No. 20, p. 132 A.

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kingdoms by our enemies from abroad, and how much it is the duty of our good subjects to join with us in our care and provision for the timely preventing those designs, the greatest ground of which we found to have been s belief and expectation they were led into by some malicious fugitives of our own subjects, of public distractions and insurrections that should break out amongst us here at home, in which we hope they will find themselves disappointed. However, considering the treacherous arts and practices of our enemies from abroad, some of which we have by God's blessing already discovered and frustrated, and the ill temper of some disaffected persons within our own kingdoms, we have thought fit again to warn you of the same, that you have a particular eye to those you shall have reason to suspect within your lieutenancy, and the most dangerous among them forthwith to secure, more especially those that shall be observed to keep horses or arms above their rank, which in that case you are, upon search made, to seize and take from them; and in the general, by the best diligence and circumspection you can, to watch and find out what may be contriving or carrying on prejudicial to the peace of our kingdoms and government."

The state of feeling which necessitated such preventive measures is well elucidated in the following letter from

BENJAMIN HARRISON TO SIR THOMAS PEYTON.*

"Feb. 9, 1665–6.

"The 11th of November last past 1665, or thereabout, a porter of Dover being at my house, with whom I was to send a letter to Dover, and talking together, we fell into a discourse about the Dutch fleet, a part of which had been about the South Foreland then some days before. And when I asked him what he thought of that fleet, he told me that they were very glad to see it, hoping that they should have landed a thousand men or two; and asking him again what a thousand men or two should do, he told me that if the Hollander had then sent but a thousand men or two, they should have been ready with an army to assist them; but I told him that such an army seemed to me impossible, because I knew very well that by an order from His Majesty, their arms were taken away; he replied again that notwithstanding this, they had arms enough through the whole county for to furnish men enough with

* Vol. CXLVII., No. 86 I.

arms, and good correspondence one with another; so that if any entering into the land by any enemy should be made, they should not make much ado for to join themselves together; besides there were two merchants at Dover who had every week tidings from their plotters in Holland, whereby they could know what they had to do aforehand, if such an inroad should be made.

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"The said Mr. Shainck moreover asked him what that did signify that they got letters from the English beyond sea. The said porter answered that the said letters did signify and import that there should be an inroad and invasion, between this and May next. Thereupon he being asked who should lead them, and being told that it seemed impossible, he answered that they did expect that their leader should come with them that should make an invasion, and that should be Richard Cromwell, who is in France, and in request with the King of France, or Ludlow who is in Holland. Then being asked whether they had a competent number there in Dover to join with them, if they should make an inroad there, he answered, that they had at least 200 of whom they were sure that they would join with them. He further inquired whether he was sure of them; he answered, Yes, they were sure of them that they would assist them, and that most of the town would do so too, and that the soldiers of Dover Castle themselves would join with them also. The said porter also said that when any inroad should be made, if at Dover, the rich men would go out of town, and see what would become of it, and the rest would join with them, and so they did when De Ruyter was at the Foreland; and the rest were then prepared to join with him, if he had landed any force. When the said porter was again asked where they would have arms, he replied that every one was sufficiently furnished."

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In the West of England the spirit of disaffection was widely spread; and there also the chief hopes of the party were based upon the success of the Dutch. The following information was given in April 1666, whilst the success of the summer's engagement with the Dutch was still uncertain:—†

† Vol. CLIII., No. 46.

"John Goodman, of Exeter, servant to Sir Copleston Bamfield, being in company with one John Cowborne, formerly major of foot unto Colonel Buffett in the West, upon Tuesday the 3rd of this instant, at Cowborne's own house at Wellington, the said Cowborne desired to speak with the said Goodman in private, who being in a room together, the said Cowborne inquired of Goodman what news, who said he heard not any, but of wars and sad times for want of trade. Cowborne replied, 'I can tell thee good news; but if I thought thou wouldst betray me, I would kill thee presently; but I am sure you will not.' Whereupon the said Goodman drew his sword, and said, if he could see a good day, he would make that sword do as good service as ever it did. Then the said Cowborne said, 'Cousin, we have all things provided, both money, arms, and men; the first rising will be in London, as soon as ever the General is gone to sea, which will be before Whitsuntide. The word will be Tumble-down Dick; they will declare for a commonwealth,' but some had a mind to declare for Richard, and that they in those parts would secure the gentry, which would be very easy, for nobody would fight for them but their own servants; that they would not trust the Presbyterians with their design, for they had been rogues to them already.

"Goodman inquired for Colonel Buffett and where he was; Cowborne replied, 'He is very well, and is within five miles of this place at this time.' This was all the discourse they had at that time, in regard of many people being in the house, which is an inn, the sign of the George in Wellington.

"Upon Saturday the 7th of April, the said Goodman, being in company at the said place with the said Cowborne, and being in the bowling green belonging to the said house, the said Goodman told the said Cowborne that he had thought of what he had the other day said to him, and asked the said Cowborne, if they should rise in arms here, whether the great armies abroad would not come over into England to help them? Cowborne replied, Yes, he was assured that was their design, and said he was afraid he should be picked up before that time, but he hoped he had so many friends that some of them would give him notice, and then he would go into Devonshire or Cornwall, to secure himself for a time, for he would be no more in the pound.

"Goodman desired him to come to his house which is at Exeter, adjoining to the Castle ditch, and he might be there without any mistrust, and if they had any design upon that place, his house might

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be useful to them. Cowborne replied he would come within a fortnight. This is all at present that he can say, but he hopes in a short time to discover the very bottom of the plot."

An anonymous informant, writing on March 1st, 1666, says that the design of the party is to procure the return of Rich. Cromwell, whom they hold as undoubted heir to the Government, and of whose return during the summer they have great hopes. The Earl of Derby was implicated in suspicions of complicity with the party, and was said often in his cups to "heartily remember Richard Protector," who was reported to be in Holland, and in great hopes of receiving messages of importance from his friends in London.*

The jealousy of Richard Cromwell thus excited caused the seizure and examination of a servant of his wife, who was strong in his assertions that the ex-protector was engaged in no political correspondence, but was living in Paris, amusing himself in drawing and reading, and was heard to pray for the King, and to express thankfulness to him for being suffered to enjoy life and fortune.† Notwithstanding this, it was proposed to summon home Richard Cromwell, with thirteen others, on penalty of forfeiture as traitors in case of noncompliance,‡ but his name was ultimately dropped from the list.§

The religious as well as tho political element mingled largely with the general spirit of discontent. The passing of the Act of Conformity, better known as the Five Mile Act, by which all ministers were banished from corporate towns, unless they took an oath of absolute unconditional adherence to the King and the present form of Govern-

* Vol. CL., No. 5, March 1, 1666.
† Vol. CLI., No. 17.
‡ Vol. CLII., No. 24.
§ Vol. CLII., Nos. 58, 59.

ment in Church and State, was felt to be severe as well as impolitic, because it involved equally the Presbyterians, who were generally loyal to the Crown, with the wildest enemies to even constitutional monarchy.

An anonymous correspondent writes on November 24, 1665, to Lord Arlington, that "all are amazed at the late Act against Nonconformity, judging it against the law of nature, and therefore void, but that the Presbyterians will defeat its design, for some of the chief incline to take the oath."

The enforcement of the Act greatly depended upon the inclinations of the acting local magistrates; sometimes offences were ignored, at other times visited with rigorous and cruel retribution. Anthony Cooley writes to Henry Muddiman from Canterbury, October 15, 1665,† as follows:—

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"In duty I am bound to say nothing was prosecuted at the last quarter sessions against the Quakers, nor the rest of that diabolical rabble, although several bills of indictment have been framed and presented at sessions against that viperous brood, yet by reason most of the grand jury are fanatics, the bills were not found, and that they have several places of meeting will manifestly appear, as at the house of Mr. Taylor, a blind man, formerly a minister, he liveth in St. George's parish, Canterbury; at Francis Germain's, a tanner, in St. Paul's parish, Canterbury; at one Hill's, a tanner, in the parish of Holy Cross, West-gate, Canterbury; at one widow Clarenbold's, at St. Stephen's, a mile distant; at Henry Roger's, a desparate Quaker, in St. Mary Magdalen's, Canterbury; at one Thos. Pollard's, a cordwinder, in the same parish, every Thursday; at one Vidion's, at North Gate, Canterbury; at one Tritton's, a miller, in the parish of West-gate, Canterbury, fifth monarchy man; at one Garard's, a bricklayer, at Ickham, three miles from Canterbury; besides the many sturdy pieces of Pres-

† Vol. CXXXIV., No. 102.

bytery, no less dangerous than the other; all which [are] most bitter enemies to the laws ecclesiastical and civil. God preserve his sacred Majesty.

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"The honest souls, especially church officers and others, are much afflicted to be reviled and affronted in the performance of their offices by the bold faction.

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"As I have said in my former, the fanatics abound in good horses, and seem to be ready for mischief; but if half a score such as might be named were secured in our castles, and made to give good security for their conformity to the King's Majesty and the Church, doubtless it would abate their pride, and, it may be, confound their devices."

On December 25, 1665, a resident in Bristol records that †—

"This day being Christmas Day, many of our Quakers, to show their contempt of authority, put open their shops, but some of the troopers of my Lord of Oxford's regiment being here, dealt a little sharper with them than others of their neighbours did formerly, and forced them to shut their shops, to the others' prejudice and their commendations."

Giles Strangways, a Hampshire magistrate, less disposed to indulgence, was selected as an instrument to execute justice against offenders whose discontent threatened to hurry them into acts of overt treason.

Writing from Dorchester, February 28, 1565-6,‡ to Sir George Downing, he says:—

"Sir,

"After I had despatched away my letter unto you by Monday's post, the enclosed papers were brought unto me from Mr. Ed. Philipps, of Montague, in Somersetshire, who is a member of Parliament and a deputy lieutenant. So soon as I had read them,

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† Vol. CXL., No. 9. ‡ Vol. CXLIX., No. 66.

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I sent for an officer in the militia who, I knew, is a discreet person, and commanded him to apprehend Pitman, and likewise with great strictness to search the houses of all such persons within that parish who do forbear to come to church, and freqnent conventicles; and because there are at present, and have for a long time resided the four nonconformist ministers (whereof but one has taken the oath prescribed by the late Act of Parliament), I gave him further directions to secure the other three, and to bring them before the deputy lieutenants on Thursday at Dorchester, who had appointed a meeting that day upon the King's letter. As I resolve to be severe against obstinate and impenitent sinners, so on the contrary I shall express all kindness towards such as have received the King's grace and pardon, and demeaned themselves like good subjects ever since."

The papers alluded to as enclosed are as follows* :—

" For John Pitman, at Bradford, these with speed.

" Mr. Pitman,

" Our design is finished in all things fitted for a rising, for we have two and forty thousand five hundred and sixty which have taken the oath that you have, and the first design is to secure the King, and to cut off his head; the axe is provided all ready, and the man appointed for to do it, and the colours that we have received have this written in them: 'Charles shall down, and lose his crown;' there are 16 hogsheads of powder in a cellar with iron bars in them, in the chiefest place in London, to be set on fire that night when the rising is, to fire the city. Pray with speed give notice to the rest of our friends with you, that they may be in readiness, and be sure to secure those cavaliers in your parish and put them to the sword, giving no qnarter, for that is our intent so to do, and at the place that I did tell you of, there are three horse loads of arms. Dispose of it with all speed, for I believe you will be called upon within this three weeks. Take it not amiss that you have received no more, for I have no time nor no more paper about me. So in haste I rest,

Your loving quartermaster till death,

" ROBERT BENETT.

" Taunton, January the 8th, /6$\frac{5}{6}$."

* Vol. CXLIX., No. 66. II.

The following letter is from Pitman himself:—

"For Mr. John Chamberlain the younger, at the Old Exchange in London, these to be delivered, carriage paid, 3*d*.

"Yours received February the 12th, with six letters, which I have sent to our friends, and they have sent to me again, and desire to be remembered to you, letting you know that they do, with as much speed as may be, further the design which we have taken in hand, and do make no doubt but by the assistance of the Lord, to overthrow this tyrant Charles, and all the posterity; for truly they may expect the curse of God to follow them, in persecuting the people of God as they do, for we are so looked after now that we dare not meet above three or four at a time, which is a great hindrance to our design; for when we had our meetings without any disturbance, we had very many that did list themselves, but the justices of the peace are so strict with us, that we know not what to do, and specially one Justice Strangways, which is a very great enemy to the ways of the Lord. And as for the letters which you do desire to know that was miscarried, it was two letters which was sent me by two of our friends. They was found in our street, through some knavery, by the bearer; and then I sent two more to Bristol and delivered them to one of Yeovill, to be took to the carrier, and they was brought back again and thrown in our street; but I dare not make any inquiry about it to the party to whom I did deliver them, for fear he will make known several other letters that I have sent; but I think he will not make anything known if I say nothing to him about it, because he is upon the list as well as myself, and because I was never in arms. The justices do no ways mistrust anything in me, by reason thereof. I have letters sent me almost every day, to convey them to our friends, and will do to the utmost of my endeavour to the destroying of this government; and truly for my own part, I can with as good and clear conscience wet my sword in the blood of the King as in the blood of a dog, and will spend every drop of blood in my body against he and his subjects. Sir, I would desire you to send us a full account of what you know concerning the rising, and when the day will be, that we may take up such horses as we have in our parish that are fit for the service. Pray fail not of sending by the next return. So in haste I rest,

"Your fellow soldier till death,

"Bradford, Feb. the 17, /66.* JOHN PITMAN."

* Vol. CXLIX., No. 66, III.

The following information sent by —— Eyton to Fras. Manley, and by him transmitted to Williamson, shows more fully the movements of the party and the foundation of the apprehensions entertained about them.* It bears date—

"January 8, 1665–6.

"Though I hope we are secured by God's providence against foreign attempts, I wish I could say so from domestic dangers; we have a restless enemy amongst us, that would be what he was, and will not take up with less (though his life and fortune have been given him into the bargain); I mean the whole fanatic party, the head of which serpent lies in and near London, especially upon the confines of Essex and Hertfordshire next to it, taking either side of Ware river from Edmonton down to Ware, and particularly those retired places of Epping Forest, Enfield Chase, and so about the road near Theobalds. There is a crew of them lie concealed that way, that should there be the least commotion in London, we should find to our cost they would be too ready to second it. The ground of my present fear and suspicion is, that an acquaintance of mine coming lately into these parts, took occasion in his discourse to tell me that he had very lately met in or near that road, on foot (which supposes their holes to be nea. at hand), those two pernicious fellows, Hugh Courtney and Walter Thimbleton; the latter hath (as is suspected) been an emissary between those runaway regicides and their faction here in England; of this I suppose you have yourself heard somewhat, besides what observations you have made of that pragmatic knave; and for Courtney, he hath been always looked upon by the whole faction as the chief champion of their cause, for which he considers himself an eminent martyr, as to the loss of his power and places. Of this I have now told you I think there ought to be good use made, for should it please God that the sickness do continue, this desperate faction, if not weeded out in due time, will attempt to weed out us, and should the General (our great watchman, who hath been fortunate in all his discoveries,) go to sea, they will be strangely encouraged to renew their conspiracies, of which London and the parts adjacent is now become the only scene; for their party (though much may be made of it in the

* Vol. CXLIV., No. 71 1.

remote parts), signifies little anywhere else. It is well known what secret collections are made to relieve their distressed brethren, and sent up to London, but for that part I can say nothing of any discovery made by me, though there is room enough to suspect the thing; but as to the finding out of the two fellows, I judge it a matter worthy the inquiry, and may effectually tend to prevent mischief by breaking the knot. They are, as you know, an active generation of people, and, these two having nothing of their own to subsist on, I leave it to you to take the opportunity of consulting my Lord Arlington in the affair, that he may send to Sir Harry Wroth to have a vigilant eye that way. I see not how he can miss to single this brace out of the whole herd. It would likewise be a great security to have a strict survey made of all those householders upon that coast, (for there are vast numbers entertained in those parts), that have received lodgers, that they give in caution for their peaceable demeanour. I cannot but press it to you to consider seriously of this matter, and whether it be not safe to take notice of it to some in power, which I refer to your judgment."

Now and then some one of the dissatisfied party adopted the more open course of carrying remonstrances to the sovereign himself, though this could only be done under the shelter of an anonymous communication. The following letter from a woman was sent to a Capt. Miller, at the Cockpit, the Duke of Albemarle's residence, Whitehall, June 30, 1666, and is endorsed in Williamson's handwriting "Pretended discovery." *

"My Lord and Gracious King,

"I am extremely grieved to hear the sad condition this kingdom is now in. I know not whether your Majesty may be sensible of so much as you may gather out of this. All people are in a desperate condition; housekeepers are so oppressed with taxes they dare not keep their doors open, but the tax-gatherers carry away if they have a bed to lie on, or a dish or the like. This makes a great cry amongst the common people, then they curse the King and wish for Cromwell; they say the devil cannot be worse

* Vol. CLX., No. 104.

than this; as good take away their lives as livelihood; come Dutch, come devil, it cannot be worse; so that of the common people, where there is one to be raised to fight for the King, there is ten will go to fight against him. And for the gentry your Majesty cannot name ten eminent persons that they will follow; it is not the chancellor, which is now imputed to sway the kingdom, that can assist, if once an army be set on foot against you. I know not his heart, but all people conclude that he is treacherous in all his counsel; that the selling of Dunkirk and this war hath been wholly agitated by him, whom all people mortally hate, and hope to see his Dunkirk house level with the ground ere long. The truth is, your Majesty hath too much confidence in him and some others, which do only endeavour to engross all into their own hands, and care not whether you sink or swim. There was never such great taxes upon this nation, nor surely never a king more cheated, for all people are unsatisfied; so much as the soldiers are cheated of part that you allow, and not only the common but the nearest unto you, which ought to be cherished by you, for indeed they are your life, for if they fail, you are no longer king. Wherefore I beseech your Majesty to look a little better to things of such great concern.

"When your Majesty was restored to your kingdom, all persons of quality did endeavour to ride in the guard, but now how it is thinned of those persons! There was and is still such sordid abuses put upon them by their officers, which disgrace inflicts upon your Majesty; there is no gentleman in the guard that hath relation to loyal families, so that in them all your friends are highly disobliged, and you will find that if any occasion be, the Lord Gerard will not find ten men that will be commanded by him, he doth daily put such abuses upon them. These are real truths; out of the money which you allow there is several deductions, first to the captain, then to the clerk which helps to cheat the whole troop, so that I perceive those that will not fight against you will hardly fight at all if occasion be. And if please your Majesty, it is fit you should remember that most of the gentry, by their loyalty, have impoverished themselves and posterities; then you come with an act of oblivion, which binds them from prosecuting their persecutors, so that you must believe this hardens their hearts. We may believe you intend well, but the life of the law is the execution thereof. You have raised a great deal of money for the relief of the indigent officers, but you never caused them to have it, which causeth a great heart burning, and what say most people; 'Who

would be a soldier? He ventures his life and fortune for nothing hut blows, for if he spends his estate and limbs, he may perish for want,' as many have done since you came to your own. If you enquire, you will find a great part of that money lies in two men's hands, yet so all people are unsatisfied; householders pay and soldiers are unpaid; your nation finds that you care not what becomes of them; so you have your pleasure, you think not of the sighs and groans yonr poor subjects utter. But I doubt they will not be suhjects long; their patience hath heen upon the tenterhooks a great while, bnt now they see they are forgotten. They did not expect that you should repair every man's loss, but they would have been thankful for what lay in your power; but instead of preferring them and giving them places, you have preferred those that would cut your throat, and will do still if an opportunity offer. It is very strange that you will suffer the officers of the guards to abuse yon so much as they do, for it all lights upon the King's back; for when gentlemen speak their grievances, it is said, 'Why do not you make your address to the King?'—Why truly, say they, there is a company about the King that will not let him hear anything that may alter his conntenance from looking pleasant upon them; while their turns are served, they will not tell him that the nation are ready with every puff of wind to rise up in arms, because of the oppression that is laid upon them, nor that there is a great many worthy gentlemen in the guard, and men that are able to do you good service in time of need, and that it is a shame they should be so extremely injured; their money is put out to use, whilst they suffer in their reputations; they cannot pay for diet and other conveniences, for the paymaster will keep them always two months in arrears, and when they are paid, there is such deductions made; they pretend your Majesty doth not allow them to he paid hut once in half a year, so that when they receive two months' pay, they are forced to allow what interest the clerk will demand. He pretends he is put to a great tronhle and charge to procure them money so soon; hnt hy this and such like injuries, there is such an odinm brought upon the guard that it is now counted a very great scandal to be a Life-guard-man. It is very sad when men have spent their estates that this shall be the reward. It is reported that your Majesty should say there is nothing like keeping the soldiers po[or]. Yon must needs know that of your pay they can make no hoards; and this be sure, it is very [ill co]unsel that persuade you to neglect the soldiers, for it is hy them that yon must

hold your o[wn, and] you have no way to preserve yourself but this, to put down the militia in all countries, and less than that charge will maintain a standing army and see them well paid, or I doubt you will not long stand. There is now I perceive several commissions to raise men, but if your Majesty did but hear the slights and scoffs that is made, for say the people, 'Be a soldier! No, we have precedents daily in the streets—we will fight no more, for when the wars is over we are slighted like dogs.'

"I wish I could come to tell your Majesty what I hear, for I must needs believe that you are not well informed of the sad discontents of the nation; and if you do not take a speedy course and redress these things, you will lose all your friends, for those that love you best cannot excuse these things in you. If you did oblige your people in these grievances, it is possible they would excuse your faults the more; but none of your courtiers will tell you how extremely you have lost yourself in the whole nation, for they say, 'Give the King the Countess of Castlemaine, and he cares not what the nation suffers.' I believe your Majesty's guard will be of tinkers and cobblers ere long; you may find hackney coachmen now in the guard, and indeed none but such will come in, for let a man be never so stout, or well born, or great a sufferer, and have no money to give the officers, he shall not come there, which is a very great shame.

"And now for this great concern of your shipping, that if you hang not up some to warn the rest, you will be utterly betrayed, for the victuallers do play the rogues so extremely that in many ships there is not meat nor drink that men can eat. What encouragement is this to men to fight? You are surely betrayed in your guns, for it is reported, when they come to be tried, that not one in twenty holds good. The militia in this town may be of some concern, which if your Majesty please may be continued, but those of the countries it is supposed the people will be willing to contribute instead thereof, which will pay an army. I am but a woman, and not able to write nor express my grief for the sad projections that are upon the King and kingdom. All that I can do is to pray to the King of Kings to direct your heart to wisdom."

The complaint about the victualling of the fleet was only partially correct. The whole onus of supplying the Navy with provisions rested upon the shoulders of one

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man, Denis, afterwards Sir Denis Gauden, and so rested because although it was acknowledged to be too heavy a charge for a single individual, yet any change would have involved the necessity of settling accounts with him, as he was largely in advance, and of providing a fund for his successors,* which in the all but bankrupt state of the Exchequer, was inconvenient. It was allowed generally that the victuals provided were good in quality, but in the spring of 1666, as previously in 1665, the delay in furnishing a sufficient quantity to set out the fleet for their summer expedition was loudly complained of by the commanders, as retarding their movements and preventing their getting the start of the enemy.† Gauden on the other hand had a ready reply to remonstrances addressed to him, because he could point to repeated breach of contract on the part of the Navy Comrs. in failing in the stipulated payments, and urge the impracticability of his fulfilling his part unless they fulfilled theirs.

The difficulty experienced by the inferior agents of government, in procuring supplies to carry on its business, appears in nearly half the numerous letters addressed to the Navy Comrs. One correspondent complains of having to dismiss 20 crippled seamen, with sad hearts, empty purses, and loud tongues.‡ Another is at his wit's end for want of masts and money, without which he can procure no necessaries; as to board wages, he has put the poor men off with hope so long, that he is forced to lend them 10*s*. per man to keep them from mutiny. Another, a lady merchant, Mrs. Constance Pley, who supplied the Navy Comrs. with sailcloth, partly imported from France and partly manufactured by herself and her partner, Col. Bullen Reymes,

* Pepys to Duke of Albemarle, Vol. CXXXIV., No. 46.
† Vol. CLVI., Nos. 85, 100; and CLVII., No. 39.
‡ Vol. CXXXIV., No. 38.

complains that an order from Sir George Carteret, the Navy Treasurer, for 10,000*l.* has been dishonoured; that whilst she owes 10,000*l.*, and her French creditors, on rumour of war and plague, tumble in their bills all at once, she has not 600 pence to pay with; she begs for money to keep the life in the poor men to whom it is owing, and to keep up so important a manufacture as that of English sailcloth.*

Among the sufferers from the low state of the Exchequer were the sick and wounded seamen, hurt in the naval contests with Holland; and also the Dutch prisoners of war. Space forbids more than an indication of the letters in which their complaints occur, but most of them derive additional interest from the fact that they are from the pen of John Evelyn, the author of the Sylva, but better known by his Diary,† who was the chief commissioner for the charge of the sick and wounded landed in Kent.

On the passing by the Oxford Parliament of the Act for raising 1,250,000*l.* towards the Dutch war, some degree of credit was restored by payments being made by assignments on that Act; but three years was the time allowed for raising the tax; creditors were clamorous for immediate payment; and therefore first the plan was tried of requesting advances upon the tax, with a consideration for the advance, and then a system of loans upon the credit of the Act, which latter, as their repayment in due numerical order, with interest, was guaranteed, became popular in the country, and afforded partial relief to the exigencies of the Exchequer.‡

Among the miscellaneous subjects touched upon in the

* Vol. CXXVI., No. 40; CXXXVII., Nos. 10, 87.

† Vol. CXXXIV., No. 23; CXLVII., No. 36.; and Evelyn's letters *passim.*

‡ Vol. CLXVII., No. 2; CLX., No. 144.

present volume, is the catastrophe of the Jews' Messiah, Sabbethai Sebi, who in 1665 excited the wildest hopes of the people for restoration to Palestine. He was received with so much honour by the Grand Seignior, that it was surmised he must have turned Mahometan. The Jews scorned the suspicion, eagerly begged permission to return to Jerusalem, God having at length begun to gather his scattered people and raised up a prophet for them, and turned a deaf ear to assurances that he was but a silly fellow, a baker's son, prompted to act a part; they were proportionately disappointed when he was hanged at Constantinople, having confessed, on the bastinado, that he had been prompted by some Jews to act his part.*

The foreign manners so much the fashion at court are ludicrously touched on in a contrast drawn by "Little-to-do-talk-all," between a countryman just come to town, who takes off his hat by the crown, or in saluting a lady, butts out one or two of her front teeth; and the same man when he has lodged there a few months, one leg speaking French, another Italian, and his body Spanish.†

A flagrant instance of laxity of court morality appears in a proposal to raise men for service in the new colony of Tangiers, then very unpopular, by persuading them that they were only to serve at Plymouth, marching them thither and decoying them on shipboard, and then sailing off with them. The deputy lieutenants to be employed in the service remonstrate against this plan, as a trick that would greatly lessen their credit among the common people, and beg to be allowed instead to press idle fellows, though without declining the King's order, if still enforced.‡

* Vol. CXXXVI., No. 93.; CXLVII., No. 33; CLI., No. 23; CLVI., No. 38.

† Vol. CXVII., No. 149.

‡ Vol. CXXXVII., Nos. 81, 124; CXXXVIII., Nos. 2, 3.



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The above indications must be considered as by no means exhaustive of the topics of interest in a calendar which embraces a large portion of the *Annus mirabilis.* The details of the preparations for the Dutch war, of the actual engagements, and of the political feelings of the country, both in reference to Holland and to the war with France, are numerous and important.

The entries of literary interest are few, and chiefly confined to the vigorous attempt to suppress books pronounced by the surveyor of the press to be scandalous and seditious, *e.g.*, "Sighs for the Pitchers;" "Nehushtan, or Directions to a Painter;" and "The Power and Practice of Court Acts," by Speed, which, though a legal work, was objected to as being a reprint of what was written in Cromwell's time.

An edition of Baker's Chronicle was also to be perused by Lord Arlington before being licensed, the account of the late King written in Cromwell's time to be re-written, and the mistakes in Dr. Quatremaine's book, relative to his present Majesty, corrected.*

Of poetry there are only two specimens; a prediction in verse of the troubles likely to ensue when a one and three sixes meet in the year (1666), and a Scottish supplication to the King in macaronic verse to reform the Consistory, to which the writer had appealed in vain for the restoration of his grey mare, accidentally drowned by his neighbour, to whom he lent it; but he says:†—

"They gave first anything, call it *Citandum,*
Within eight days I gat but *Libellandum,*
Within ane month I gat ad *Opponendum,*
In half ane year I gat *Interloquendum,*
And I gat—how call ye it?—a *Replicandum,*
But I could never one word yet *Understandum.*"

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* Vol. CXLIII., No. 148. † Vol. CXLIII., No. 146.

And after two years' delay, they

> "For sentence silver cried at the last,
> Of *Pronunciandum* they made me words fain,
> But I gat never my good grey mare again."

Towards the close of the volume we have the first murmurings of the rebellion in Scotland, which broke out later and was crushed, though not extinguished, by the defeat of Pentland Hill; but as the bulk of the documents relating to it will appear in the next Calendar, all notice of it is postponed till the appearance of the ensuing volume.

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# DOMESTIC PAPERS.

## CHARLES II.

### Vol. CXXXIV. October 1–17, 1665.

1665.
Oct. 1. Ham. 1. Elizabeth Countess of Dysart to Williamson. Complains of Sir Chas. Harbord, who has raised scruples upon the King's warrant that it must pass the Lord Treasurer; the blanks will have to be filled up with some positive sums, or else His Majesty must reserve some of the rents now paid.

Oct. 1. Aullerd. 2. Earl of Suffolk to Williamson: Thanks for his intelligence. The place is barren of news; dares not enquire after any this dangerous time.

Oct. 1. Portsmouth. 3. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of ships under repair, and others just arrived. Has bought a parcel of white yarn at 42*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. An anchor is lost, and a cable broken, through Capt. Cartwright's want of judgment. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

Oct. 1. Plymouth. 4. Capt. John Heath to the Navy Comrs. The Barbadoes Merchant has arrived in Plymouth Sound. Is ordered to Portsmouth to await instructions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 1. The Slothany. 5. Lord Brouncker to the Navy Comrs. Has appointed the Fortune prize ship, to sail for Greenwich, to receive orders for taking on board the sick men partly recovered, but not well enough to go back to their ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 1. The Slothany. 6. Lord Brouncker and Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Have information of an embezzlement by Capt. Seymour, late commander of the Pearl, of goods taken out of the Prince William prize at Erith; beg that he may be sent for and examined. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 1. The Slothany. 7. Lord Brouncker and Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. When the merchant men are cleared of the prisoners, there will be no further use for them; ask the Duke of Albemarle's pleasure how to dispose of them. Propose sending up the Seven Oaks, to be re-fitted for the winter service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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1665.
Oct. 2. 8. Henry Prescott to the Navy Comrs. Arrested two bargemen, who serve under Mr. Ratcliffe, for wilfully disobeying the Commissioners' warrant, by carrying loads for private persons, although they had been impressed for the Commissioners' service, and were under protection for the carriage of timber from Guildford. Was stopped by Mr. Ratcliffe and two bailiffs, and forced to acquit the prisoners. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 2. Norwich. 9. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Requests that the Messrs. Edgars' second and third payment due for the new ship may be received through the treasurer of the county. Particulars of stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 2. Dover. 10. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has put the Little Mary under repair upon the Duke of Albemarle's order, without waiting to consult the Commissioners; begs pardon for so doing, but the case was nrgent. Entreats the passing of his two last accounts, now lying at the Navy Office in Seething Lane. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 2. Dover. 11. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Will detain Mr. Desborough's gold, and will write to him by the Flanders packet boat. The sickness increases; 20 houses are shut up. Wants payment of 48*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* expenses incurred for eight Friesland geldings, left in his charge in August, and claimed by warrant for the King.

Oct. 2. Putney. 12. Sir Arthur Ingram to Williamson. The Canary Company rely on Lord Arlington in this beginning of their settlement, and in the continuance of their trade they are willing to pay the ordinary fees for what they need, and will show their gratitude still farther, if they may have effectual quick dispatches. Refers to Mr. Gregory, the bearer, for further information. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 2. 13. List of 55 prisoners committed to Lincoln Castle from Sept. 4 to Oct. 2, 1665, with the dates of their committal and the names of the deputy lieutenants who sent them. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 2. Oxford. 14. ——— Lord [Arlington]. Reminds him to write to Lord Widdrington, governor of Berwick, to receive such disorderly English Quakers as shall be sent there for keeping seditious meetings in Scotland, and to the Duke of Ormond to secure Lieut.-Col. Wallace, a dangerous fellow, who fled from Kintyre in Scotland to Ireland a few months ago; also to write to Mr. Flavell in Dorsetshire.

Oct. 3. 15. Memoranda from the Journals of Parliament of messages sent from the King to the two houses, between 18 Feb., 1663, and Aug. 1, 1665. [9 *pages.*]

Oct. 3. Tower. 16. W. Boteler to David Walter. Has been kept five weeks in the Tower, in the height of the contagion, with nothing laid to his charge. Begs mediation to procure his return to his distracted family, or his being brought to a trial; and also the same favour for his neighbour in the country, now his fellow prisoner, Ma. Dauberon.

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Oct. 3. Petworth. 17. Dr. Ri. Rawlinson to Williamson. Introduces a friend of his, for whom he begs college civilities, and sends a warning against a person known to them both, who courts and coys with strangers. Hopes soon to hear from him at Northumberland House, Strand, London.

Oct. 3. The Slothany. 18. Lord Brouncker and Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Have ordered up 12 merchant ships mentioned in the margin; the prisoners from each ship are on board the Marmaduke and Bear for the present. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 3. Erith. 19. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Requests payment to Mr. Maplesden for bills long due, amounting to 434*l.*, for goods delivered into the stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 3. Woolwich. 20. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Calkers and shipwrights are wanted. Requests a general warrant for pressing as many as may be required; the Breda was launched yesterday; the Pearl and St. Paul prize are to be docked forthwith; begs some payment to the workmen, in consideration of their diligence and great distress. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 3. Portsmouth. 21. Capt. Phin. Pett to the Navy Comrs. No provision is made for supplying seamen's clothes on that coast; requests that the purser may have credit at Plymouth to procure some; wants printed tickets; has been ashore with the Tiger, and is now taking in guns and victuals, and will hasten to his station in the Sounding. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 3. Sta. Maria, Sheerness. 22. Capt. Fr. Steward to the Navy Comrs. Is almost ready to sail; wants carriages for the unmounted guns lying on deck; is short of seamen; begs to be supplied from some ship newly come in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 3. Sayes Court. 23. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Cannot find room for the sick and wounded continually sent in; they go from place to place and perish in the way; Chatham and Gravesend can hold no more; all the intermediate villages are peopled with the poor miserable creatures; Greenwich must be spared on account of the Navy Comrs.' sitting there, and Deptford because of the King's yard; cannot feed and shelter 2,000 prisoners without money; has contracted with Lord Colepeper for Leeds Castle, if only money can be raised to repair and fit it up; has deputies and surgeons employed at Chelsea College, two hospitals in London, and nine other towns, besides villages; to look after them takes up any one person's time, with no rest day nor night; is not bound by his commission to find money, but to dispose and give account of it; entreats consideration and speedy redress of grievances. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

Oct. 3. Dantzic. 24. Fr. Sanderson to Sir Wm. Rider and Co. Acknowledges the cargo of the East India ships; has no hopes of selling the indigo till next spring; wine, tobacco, rice, and sugar are likely to be profitable, since the Dutch are beaten, and the last Polish letters advise an agreement between the King and Lubomirsky; there is no salo

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for raisins; hopes to dispatch two ships shortly; a rupture with the King of Denmark is feared, upon the late action at Bergen. With postscript on the 10th: accounts for the delay complained of in the delivery of goods; is grieved to hear of the heavy judgment of the plague in London; the custom house officers at Pillau have orders to make some excuse not to clear English ships, on purpose to detain them; supposes this to be because the King stayed two ships in England belonging to the Elector of Brandenburg; Polish news proves contrary to expectation, Lubomirsky refusing to submit to the King of Poland's demand for the surrender of his arms and of the castles of Lubomna and Landshut; Poland is up in arms. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 4. Wanstead. 25. Jos. Child to Thos. Hayter. Requests an immediate convoy for his New England ship through the Channel, to prevent the charge of 7*s.* or 8*s.* a day demurrage; is ready to sign the contract as soon as drawn up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 4. The Slothany. 26. Lord Brouncker to the Navy Comrs. Desires orders to the Ordnance Officers to remove the guns and ammunition from the Eagle. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 4. The Eliza, Plymouth. 27. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sir John Mennes. The squadron has been cruizing off Ushant, in the Channel, &c., to little effect. Capt. Skelton has captured several suspicious vessels from the West Indies; account of other prizes taken; 80 prisoners are put ashore; has sustained some damage; will endeavour to refit at once, as the enemy is abroad. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Oct. 4. London. 28. James Hickes to Williamson. Details of the course ordered for the King's letters to be sent by Towcester or Newbury. Asks if other letters for or from Oxford are to be sent without passing through London, as it tends to the ruin of the letter office. Thinks it would save much loss and disturbance, were all letters to pass through the office. [1½ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

28. I. *Robt. Bennet to Sir Phil. Frowde. Details the neglect of the postmaster at Reading, in not forwarding promptly the expresses sent for the King. Maidenhead, Oct.* 3, 1665.

28. II. *Certificate by Robt. Bennet, postmaster of Maidenhead, that he had an express for Lord Arlington at* 4 *p.m. Oct.* 2, 1665, *and another for the King at* 11 *p.m., which reached Reading between* 1 *and* 2 *a.m.; but that at* 5 *a.m. neither of these expresses had been sent forward.*

Oct. 4. 29. Examination of Robt. Hope, of Little Chester, co. Derby, late captain in Col. Packer's regiment, before Sir H. Every and Simon Degge. Has corresponded with no one in London for two years past, nor received any private message relating to rebellion. Noted as sent from the Earl of Devonshire.

1665? Oct. 5. 30. J. Deny to Williamson. The bill about Jones and his forfeitures should say that it must pass without account, or the privy purse will be called to account in the Exchequer. As to

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receipts on forfeitures, none will pay without tallies striking; had once 800*l.* for the privy purse, but as the privy seal was not ready, 400*l.* has been paid elsewhere.

Oct. 5. Sion Hill. 31. Thos. Povey to [Williamson]. Hopes he has been welcomed as well by the Earl of Peterborough and other friends, though not so magnificently or ceremoniously, as the Duke has been by the writer's master in Yorkshire. Has had a melancholy retirement; was busy on money matters in London till the bills of mortality swelled to 8,000, and has since been daily providing for infected persons, more than 300 having died in Brentford and Isleworth; death has become so familiar and the people so insensible of danger that they look on those who provide for the public safety as tyrants; the richer will not contribute, nor the meaner submit, though for their own preservation. Hopes soon to be at Court.

Oct. 5. West Horsley. 32. Edw. Nicholas to Williamson, at Oxford. Thanks for kindness to his brother John, and also to himself in getting him accommodation at Oxford, but hopes to obtain a dispensation from being there yet, preferring the country.

Oct. 5. West Horsley. 33. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Williamson. Thanks for his letters and news. Has written to the Lord Chancellor to request the King to spare his attendance, as age and infirmities have prevented his going five miles from his house this summer. Asks tidings of proceedings in France, Spain, Sweden, and Denmark, especially as relates to the war with the Dutch. Hopes a thrifty course will be taken for sale of the rich Dutch East India and Straits' prizes. Advises that they be sold wholesale to the English East India and Straits' merchants.

Oct. 5. Cockpit. 34. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. The visitation ceases in London, but spreads much in the country, and is in 20 parishes in Buckinghamshire. Asks whether to demand his and the Secretary's fees for some commissions to officers in Sir Christopher Wray's regiment. Lord Herbert wants an answer to his letters.

Oct. 5. 35. Jo. Chamberlain to Col. Lane, M.P., Oxford. Begs performance of his promise to befriend him; would gladly give account of the persons he was examined about if he could, but knows them not, and never heard any one speak against the King; the story raised against him was false; begs help that he may not see his poor wife begging from door to door.

Oct. 5. Warrant for a grant to Henry Lord Arlington of the office of Postmaster-General for 10 years, on determination of the grant made to Dan. O'Neale. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 212.]

[Oct. 5.] 36. Draft of the above.

Oct. 5. Oxford. Warrant citing Francis Townly, sen., merchant of Hamburg, to depart from Hamburg within 10 days, and appear before Council with all possible speed, on pain of the King's highest displeasure; with minute of a like warrant for Dr. Elborow at Hamburg. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 69.]

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1665.
Oct. 5. Portsmouth. 37. Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. It is not the least of many sorrows that her dear friend, Mr. Fuller, should at last have occasion to complain of her going about to murder him, as seen by the accompanying letter. Begs some seasonable and speedy provision for him. There is 2,790*l.* due this month, and 6,493*l.* the next. Mr. Hornby will furnish the money upon tallies for security. If this letter prove not successful, must adventure the hazard of a journey, to obtain relief in this distressing case. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

37. I. *Rich. Fuller to Constance Pley. Wishes he could see the day not to complain for want of her remittances; health and rest are snatched from him, betwixt hope and despair; is undone and ruined, unless money can be procured from Mr. Hornby. Adjures her, as she loves her son, himself, or her reputation, to endeavour, through interest with Sir Geo. Carteret, to make good her promises. Account of money due. The wine proves no better than hog's wash; would be glad to sell it off at* 12*l. per tun.* [2 *pages.*] *London, October* 3, 1665.

Oct. 5. Chatham. 38. Phin. Pett and two others to Sir John Mennes and Sam. Pepys. Show the necessity of replenishing the chest at a time of such urgent need; but for 500*l.* borrowed from extra expenses, and 120*l.* furnished by Mr. Gregory, must have dismissed 20 crippled seamen with sad hearts, empty purses, and loud tongues. Can no longer subsist without immediate supplies; 100 men capable of pension from the chest are expected from St. Bartholomew and St. Thomas's hospitals. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 5. 39. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. It is now the best season for procuring and saving meat; very little beef is to be had by reason of the want of hay, and general interruption to trade and commerce through the plague; more time will consequently be required in supplying the demands, and earlier orders must be given. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 5. Portsmouth. 40. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Weather has hindered the dispatch of the Lizard and Tiger. The Ostend is under repair; her men must be removed to some of the ships at Spithead. Particulars of other ships in dock. The ketch is ready, wanting only men and guns. [*Adm. Paper,* 2 *pages.*]

Oct. 5. Woolwich. 41. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The Friezland and Pearl are launched; the Dreadnought and Dunkirk docked; large fir timber is wanted; requests a warrant to procure some from Deptford, as also small masts and cant spars; has put 30 men upon the works of the new frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 5. Woolwich. 42. Chris. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Recommends Thos. Perrin to carry on the service of surveying the new ships at Deptford and

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Blackwall, upon the death of Mr. Cooper. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

42. I. *Certificate by Chris. Pett, and four others, of the fitness of Thos. Perrin to serve as master carpenter in any second, third, or fourth-rate ship.* *May* 18, 1665.

42. II. *Petition of Thos. Perrin, shipwright, to the Navy Comrs., to be appointed surveyor in Mr. Cooper's room, and in due time carpenter to a ship.*

Oct. 6. 43. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Thos. Bacon, shipwright, to survey the two new ships building at Deptford and Blackwall, in room of Robt. Cooper, shipwright, deceased. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 6. Deptford. 44. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The Swallow ketch is ready to be graved. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 6. The King to Lord General Albemarle, [master of the horse]. Much inconvenience having arisen by suffering families of women and children to inhabit the mews, especially in these times of infection, no men are in future to be permitted to dwell there but those who belong to the stables, and if they marry, they are not to bring wives or children there. [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 137 *and* 140.]

[Oct. 6.] 45. Draft of the above.

Oct. 6. Commissions for Rich. Covert to be Lieutenant, and Thos. Starismore, Ensign, to Capt. Sheldon, in Guernsey. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 87.]

Oct. 6. Commission to Edward Hawley to be Cornet to Lord Frescheville's troop. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 87.]

Oct. 6. Navy Office, Greenwich. 46. S. Pepys to the Duke of Albemarle. Has considered how the navy victualling could be better managed than by Mr. Gauden; requested three or four of the ablest men whom the plague has left to join Gauden in it, but they all refuse; a partnership would lose two months' time, in taking inventories of the present stock of victuals, &c., and money would be wanted for new commissioners. Mr. Gauden, though the charge is vaster than ever devolved upon a single man, has executed it with less complaint than under the former commissioners. Suggests that his sons should be joined with him, to carry it on in case of his death, and that, to provide against fraud, a surveyor of victuals should be appointed at the King's charge in each port, with power to examine books, contracts, &c., and should report weekly to a general officer in London. [3 *pages.*]

Oct. 6. Sion Hill. 47. Thos. Povey to Williamson. Asks assistance for his brother, who is soon to attend Court on business relating to pretensions in Barbadoes. Is detained from Court, waiting the slow advance of money, without which he dares not appear.

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Oct. 6. 48. Directions to postmasters from the Letter Office, that all letters, &c., to the Duke of York, Secretaries of State, Lord Treasurer, Lord Chancellor, or Sir Wm. Coventry, be sent to Mr. Stratton, postmaster at Newbury, to be conveyed to Court; and note that the same order was in the Gloucester label, to direct letters to Jas. Carter of Abingdon.

Oct. 6. 49. James Hickes to Williamson. Hopes Sir Phil. Frowde will make it clear to him that the office would be ruined by such a diversion of letters as he desires. Lord [Arlington] and Sec. Morice should punish the tardy postmaster at Reading and others who have been pressed to activity in vain, or men will walk on foot faster than the postmaster rides. Would have served Mr. Summers if he could, but Williamson's letters being for the King's service, had to be conveyed as though to Lord Arlington.

Oct. 6. Chester Castle. 50. Examination of Samuel Bonell, of Chester, before Sir Phil. Egerton, Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, and Thos. Cholmondeley. Has corresponded with Thos. Evans of Westminster, with Col. Barrow, whose child he has had 12 or 13 years, and who sent him letters for Cols. Sandes and Lawrence in Ireland, but not with Cols. Croxton nor Duckenfield. Refuses to take the Oath of Allegiance. Also, Examination of Rob. Duckenfield, of Duckenfield. Has received no letter from London the last year, except one from Sir Thos. Estcourt and a few for his two sons on private business. Has had no commission tendered by Col. Ludlow, nor correspondence with Col. Crofton, nor received letters from Ireland or Lincolnshire.

Oct. 6. Chester Castle. 51. Examination of John Travers, of Chester, ironmonger. Gives an account of persons with whom he corresponds in London and Dublin. Never received intelligence about plotting or delivering commissions to any person to act against the King. [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 7. 52. Sir W. Coventry to James Hickes. Wishes the enclosed to be sent immediately to Mr. Pepys. *Annexing,*

52. I. *Post label of the above letter, showing that it left Oxford at 11½ a.m. on October 7 and reached London at 6 a.m. October 8; with note by Jas. Hickes that an ordinary footman would walk from London to Oxford in less time, and that the postmasters are obliged by rule to ride 7 miles an hour from Lady Day to Michaelmas, and 5 miles an hour from Michaelmas to Lady Day.*

Oct. 7. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to restore to her owners the Blessing of Cork, which behaved valiantly in fight, and was retaken from a Dutch caper. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 279.]

Oct. 7. 53. Denis Ganden to Sam. Pepys. Hears from the Buoy of the Nore that some of the crew of the victualling ships sent to the fleet, are dead of the plague, so that the provisions from such ships are refused, and lie on board in the river; asks directions; the ships hired by the month for carrying victuals to the fleet may be discharged. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 7. 54. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Sends his victualling accounts, to show how needful it is to have convenient time for providing, shipping, &c., for so great a bulk of goods, and to have those who are employed in the transport of such goods protected from pressing. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

54. I. *Account of the several declarations for victualling accounts since May* 1664; *total,* 435,926*l.* 8*s.* *Provisions required,* 83,491½ *tons; cask used,* 70,088 *tons.* *October* 6, 1665.

Oct. 7. 55. Petition of Thos. May to the Duke of Albemarle, for Wm. Conaway to officiate for him as boatswain of the Breda, during the present sickness. *Annexing,*

55. I. *Certificate by Capt. Wm. Badiley, and six others, of the fitness of Wm. Conaway to serve as boatswain in any fourth or fifth-rate frigate.* *January* 13, 1665.

55. II. *Recommendation by Joseph Sanders of Wm. Conaway as capable of the employment, he having served as boatswain's mate in the Breda ever since she was built.* *October* 7, 1665.

Oct. 7. The Fairfax, Spithead. 56. John Pettie, purser, to Sam. Pepys. Will discharge Roht. Williams and Robt. Feastie upon the first notice, if such be the Commissioners' pleasure. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 8. Leeds. 57. John Bettson to Lord Arlington. Nothing can be made out against the persons now in York Castle, though all are enemies to the King; had they not been committed so soon, could have brought evidence against them; thinks they will soon be acting, as the badness of trade drives them to desperation. Will engage his life to give an account of whatever is done in Yorkshire. Has laid a plot for the man sent to London to buy arms, and hopes soon to have him in York. Has differed with Mr. Williamson though refusing to allow Williamson to share in the taking of the two last apprehended, lest he should claim the credit.

Oct. 9. 58. ——— to Williamson. States the orders made for new elections, on account of vacancies in Parliament, viz.:—

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| Kellington, Cornwall, | void by | Lord Arlington's being called to the Lords. | |
| Sandwich, Kent, | void by | decease of | Edw. Montague. |
| Derbyshire | „ | Col. Frescheville's being called to the Lords. | |
| Stamford | „ | decease of | Wm. Stafford. |
| Montgomery | „ | „ | John Purcell. |
| Hertfordshire | „ | „ | Lord Fanshaw. |
| Rumney | „ | „ | Lord Fitzharding. |
| Helston, Cornwall, | „ | „ | Col. Robinson. |

[Oct. 9.] 59. Names of eight Members of Parliament dead, and of Lord Seymour's son removed to the House of Lords.

[Oct. 9.] 60. Blank form of a proxy, for attendance in Parliament.

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Oct. 9. Deptford. 61. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Has received no warrant for docking the Foresight; wishes to be joined with Mr. Pett in the survey of her; treenails and balks wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 9. The Welcome. 62. Capt. Mich. Lindsey to Sam. Pepys. Wants to take in sea-provisions before receiving the guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 9. Dover. 63. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Mary and Cygnet are fitted and amongst the fishermen in Dover Road. Hastens up the quarter's accounts, hearing that some of the ships are called in; begs they may be passed at the Board; wants money the more since Thos. Wale is dead, and timber, plank, and deal can only be had from Thos. Daux, Sir Thos. Teddeman's brother; he would furnish them, if ordered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 10. 64. Certificate by the Officers of the John and Katherine, of the unfitness of that vessel to proceed to sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 10. Kinsale. 65. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Has drawn a bill of exchange for 196*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*, payable at four days' sight to Richard Bassett, for disbursements on the sick and wounded at Kinsale. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Oct. 10.] 66. Representation by the Commissioners for sick and wounded, of inconveniences to be remedied :—

1. Persons are often set on shore who are not really sick.
2. Landsmen are most frequently set on shore, merely from sea-sickness or some slight distemper.
3. All those pronounced incurable should be discharged.
4. Proper clothes must be provided, to save many serviceable men from perishing through want, instead of sickness.
5. Better quarters and more conveniences must be appointed.
6. Neither Ipswich, Harwich, nor Chatham can be used for the sick, the plague being there. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 10. 67. Suggestions for redress of the several inconveniences complained of above [by Viscount Brounker]. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 10. Warrant for a grant to Sir Lionel Tollemache, Bart., in favour of the Countess of Dysart, his wife, and the other daughters of the late Earl of Dysart, of the manors of Ham and Petersham, Surrey, containing 75 acres, on rent of 4*d.* per acre; and also a grant in reversion of the demesne lands of the said manor; rent, 16*l.* [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 138–9.]

Oct. 10? 68. Order for a blank lease in reversion of the manors of Petersham and Ham, co. Surrey. [*Draft.*]

Oct. 10. The King to the East India Company. Has had large sums offered for the goods belonging to the East India prizes, but hearing that they fear lest the dispersing such commodities by other hands

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should lower their market, wishes them to meet and communicate with the Duke of Albemarle, on propositions thereupon. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 139.]

[Oct. 10.] 69. Draft of the preceding.

Oct. 10. Plymouth. 70. Wm. Yeamans to Williamson. They have 200*l.* in hand, and wish to send it. Mr. Debree has caused some adventurers to leave off venturing, by saying he will break the neck of the business. Mr. Yeats shall never be master whilst the writer is there; his wages are so small that he cannot live and buy himself clothes. Mr. Yeats is arrested for his doctor's bill. Asks if Williamson will pay it. A man of the town has broken open their box, and would have robbed it; the mayor must be written to about it, or they cannot stay there. Endorsed, "Lottery." [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 10. [Christ Church Hall], Oxford. 71. The King's speech at the opening of Parliament, requesting assistance in carrying on the Dutch war. [*In the King's autograph.* 4 *pages.*]

Oct. 10. Christ Church Hall, Oxford. 72. Copy of the above and also of the Lord Chancellor's speech, recapitulating the transactions with Holland since the Restoration, and the grievances received from them which require redress; also complaining of enemies at home who require suppression, and who, but for the vigilance of the Lord General, would have risen on 3rd Sept. last. [*Printed,* 19 *pages; also printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XI., pp.* 684–9.]

Oct. 11. Oxford. 73. [Lord Arlington] to the Lord Treasurer. The King consents that Sir Geo. Downing shall receive the allowance of an envoy to the States General, for the quarter beginning Sept. 1st, notwithstanding his return home, as he has been at heavy expenses in his return, and in the charge of his train and family, most of which he was obliged to leave behind him; a warrant is therefore to be drawn for the payment. [*Draft by Williamson.*]

Oct. 11. Oxford. Order—on the petition of Edw. Rich and Dr. Sam. Rich, for settlement of certain differences about estate, between Sir Edw. Bathurst and his eldest son,—referring the said differences to be settled by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Chancellor, and Bishop of Winchester. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 188.]

Oct. 11. Oxford. Pass for the St. Peter of Bruges from Ostend to the Canaries, on security to enter no enemy's ports. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 280.]

Oct. 11. 74. Breviate by Capt. Thos. Parker of the ladings and discharges of the Mary and Elizabeth pink, from April 14th, 1665. [*Adm. Paper,* 2 *pages.*]

Oct. 11. Cockpit. 75. Duke of Albemarle to Sam. Pepys. His proposition for the victnaller is approved by the King; fit men must be appointed to take account of the provisions in each port; the victualler has orders to go on providing for 30,000 men at least. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 11. The Slothany. 76. Lord Brouncker to Sam. Pepys. Lord Ashley has advanced £10,000*l.* for the sick and wounded. Is commanded not to pawn nor sell any of the prize goods. Requests orders to Mr. Evelyn to receive the prisoners on shore immediately. Asks whether the report be true that merchantmen and other ships are stopped from joining the fleet at the buoy of the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 11. Deptford. 77. J. Evelyn to the Duke of Albemarle. The plague spreads amongst the sick men at Chatham. Entreats orders to the Navy Comrs. that the two hospital ships attending the fleet be sent up the river, for this emergent occasion. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 11. Woolwich. 78. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The master calker desires a small bill of imprest to defray the charges of press and conduct money; there is great discontent among the workmen for want of money; unless speedily paid, it will be impossible to keep them to work; timber and knees are wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 11. Woolwich. 79. Chris. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Recommends James Fletcher to succeed John Langrack as carpenter of the Breda. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 12. Maidenhead. 80. Thos. Beckford to Sam. Pepys. Sent two thousand pounds worth of clothes on board the St. George not a month ago; several captains refuse to receive clothes, though in great want, for fear of infection; has always taken the greatest care not to have them made by those living near infected houses. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 12. Leeds. 81. John Bettson to Lord Arlington. The design still increases and they are greatly encouraged, for they expect a body of men to be landed for them to go to, and the appearance of the Holland fleet encourages them. The friend who gains information for him wants a paper like his own, that he may appear before Sir Roger Langley.

Oct. 13. Oxford. 82. Petition of the Inhabitants of the Isle of Portland, co Dorset, to the King, for restoration of their former privileges; viz.,—the right to receive 12*d.* for every ton of stone taken from the commons, one half to be for His Majesty, as lord of the manor, and the other for themselves; also for freedom from militia charges, they maintaining 40 men at their own charge, and from bridge-rates, as they maintain at their own charge the passage at Smallmouth. With reference thereon to Lord Ashley, vice-chamberlain Sir George Carteret, and Sir John Denham, surveyor general, and their report, advising an allowance of 9*d.* on every ton of stone except what is brought for the King's special use, and advising their exemption from militia and bridge rates.

Oct. 13. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 188.]

Oct. 13. Presentation of Willm. Scott to the vicarage of Northfleet, co. Kent. [*Ent. Book* 19, *p.* 50.]

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Oct. 13. Harlow, Essex. 83. Sir Wm. Warren to Sam. Pepys. The damage sustained by their ship, the Brother's Friendship, through extreme of weather, the time spent in refitting, and the unusual detentions abroad, make it impossible to comply with the contract for the delivery of hemp within the time limited; Mr. Seaman will deliver a written clause to be added to the contract to that effect; though the period desired may seem long, it shall not cause an hour's delay in the accomplishment, beyond what can be accounted for by the before-mentioned accidents. [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 13. Cockpit. 84. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desires immediate attention to the enclosed letter of Sir Wm. Penn. The three ships to be sent are the Foresight, Breda, and Pearl. [*Adm. Paper.*]

84. I. *Sir Wm. Penn to the Duke of Albemarle. Is detained on shore by severe illness; cannot move except as carried or drawn. Promises all the care possible from a man in such a position, to have orders properly executed. Leaves Sir Geo. Askew in command of the fleet at the Nore. Should any action take place, will be carried on board. Is commanded by the Duke of York to prepare a squadron of* 15 *or* 20 *sail for some immediate service. Requests that the three frigates now in the river may be hastened down, with the Wivenhoe and all other ketches; also a supply of food for the whole fleet.* [2 *pages.*]
*Chatham, October* 12.

Oct. 13. Sayes Court. 85. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Is sending away 1,000*l.*, under guard, to Deal and Dover; must therefore defer waiting on him till to-morrow. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 13. Deptford. 86. Jonas Shish to Sam. Pepys. All the shipwrights, calkers, and sawyers have left the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 13. Norwich. 87. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Messrs. Edgars' fourth payment is almost due; in a month the ship will be ready for the water. Requests a bill for the amount of the two last payments. Mr. Stedman, carpenter, demands 5*l.* for his charges. Asks if the Flemish cordage is to be taken at the high price of 52*s.* 6*d.* per cwt., and if the proposals of the sailmaker and blockmaker are accepted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 14. 88. Rich. Gibson, purser of the Royal Exchange, to Thos. Hayter. Has much defective provision on board. Begs an order for a survey. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 14. The Slothany. 89. Lord Brouncker, Sir John Mennes, and John Berisford, to Sam. Pepys. A cable of 18 or 19 inches is wanted for weighing the wreck of the London; if any of the ships at Woolwich, Deptford, or the other yards have such an one, it must be furnished forthwith. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 14. Deptford. 90. J. Uthwat to Sam. Pepys. Six cables of the required size can be had from Woolwich, as also from the prize ship House of Sweden. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 14. 91. Joseph Stapley to Sam. Pepys. Begs the payment of money due for goods delivered in April last, amounting to 1,306*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, and of a bill now taken out for 222*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* Hopes the long forbearance of the former sum will influence the speedy payment of the latter. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 14. Chatham. 92. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Sends a list of the ships designed for present service, and desires that those of them which are in the river may be hastened down, and a supply of victuals for ten weeks. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

92. I. *List of* 18 *ships, with their several stations.*

Oct. 14. Sayes Court. 93. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of his method observed in arrangements for the sick and wounded, and the certificates for each individual case. Few have died, and those chiefly of cold for want of covering, although the doctors and surgeons were contracted with at 3*s* per head, to avoid unconscionable apothecaries' bills. The printed papers are the writer's invention, to obviate Sir Wm. Coventry's queries. [*Adm. Paper.*]

93. I. *Form of order by the Commissioners for sick and wounded, for conveyance to the fleet of those recovered of their wounds and sickness. Printed.*

Oct. 14. Navy Office, Greenwich. 94. Estimate by the Navy Comrs. of the charge of providing sea victuals for 35,000 men for one year; total, 425,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Oct. 14. Windsor. 95. W. Bowles to Williamson. Begs that his warrant may be signed. Will send the fees, his son having spent the money given him in long attendance.

Oct. 14. Oxford. 96. [Lord Arlington and Sec. Morice] to Sir Philip Frowde. Find it inconvenient that, during the King's residence at Oxford, his correspondence with the Northern and Western parts of the kingdom should pass through London. It loses time, and runs the hazard of bringing infection to Oxford, the rather as that part of the letter office through which letters thither usually pass is visited. Wish therefore a post to be fixed at Newbury for the western road, and at Towcester to correspond with the Chester road, and orders therefor are to be given on the several stages immediately. All other letters sent to Oxford from London, or any other parts, are to be put in separate bags, and received in some healthful place in the suburbs, without going to the general letter office. Will sue His Majesty for allowance on account of the loss that will accrue to the revenue of the Post Office. Wonder he does not come nor send. The governor of Ostend offers civility, if letters be sent that way. [*Draft by Williamson,* 2¼ *pages.*]

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Oct. 14. Northampton. 97. Testimony of Francis Pickmet and six others of Northampton, that John Friend received the King's letter recommending Alex. Ekins as steward of Northampton very slightingly; said that he cared not for it, and would vote against it; that if the King's letter did it, what became of the liberty of the subject? and if he were questioned for his words, he cared not if it cost him 50*l.* He entertains the fanatics of the town in his house, keeping some of them whole nights; he defends them against the Mayor, and encourages them to say very unhandsome language of the present government. Endorsed, "Information from the Earl of Exeter."

Oct. 14. Greenwich. 98. Capt. George Cock to Williamson. Good Sir Martin [Noel?] is gone. Hopes next week to be with Williamson at Oxford.

Oct. 15. King's Clere, Hampshire. 99. Thos. Henshaw to Williamson. Recommends George Legat, now residing at Genoa, to supply the place of the writer's late brother Chas. Henshaw, as consul there, he having executed the office as deputy for a year; he is a fitting person, and the profits are only 60*l.* a year. Mr. Legat will make Williamson a handsome present, if he get the place; has not been to Court, having lately been at Kensington, which is so near London.

Oct. 15. Sudbury. 100. Thos. Bennet to Lord Arlington. Thanks for his remembrance of him in his absence.

Oct. 15. Rushton. 101. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Being lately at dinner at a friend's house in Northampton, was ordered by the Lord Lieutenant to take security from several persons, which he did, and dismissed them on bond; amongst these was John Friend, now Mayor of Northampton.

Oct. 15. Canterbury. 102. Ant. Cooley to Henry Muddiman. Nothing was done at the sessions against Quakers and that diabolical rabble, because most of the grand jury being fanatics, the bills of indictment were not found. Gives the names of nine persons at whose houses they meet. In Dover 24 houses are shut up, and there is an increase [of plague] at Sandwich; but Canterbury is free, as also Deal, Ashford, Maidstone, and Sittingbourne. The church officers are reviled in their duties by the bold faction. The fanatics abound in good horses, and are ready for mischief; if some were made to give good security for conformity, it would abate their pride. In Margate roads are 80 Dutch men-of-war; they have shot 100 pieces of ordnance at the town, breaking chimneys, and maiming most of the vessels in the harbour, and they have landed 40 men.

Oct. 15. Oxford. 103. [Jos. Williamson] to Mr. L'Estrange. Is sorry not to be able to assist him in composing his news; if he is willing to give up his right in the News-book, will procure him a salary of 100*l.* a year in lieu thereof, he having spoken of the duty as burdensome and the profit inconsiderable.

Oct. $\frac{15}{25}$. Dieppe. 104. Lord George Douglas to Williamson. Begs him to send to the collector of customs at Dover the passes for transport horses, which he was to get changed.

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Oct. 15. Cockpit. 105. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Wishes Mr. Arthur to be treated with concerning the East India goods. The East India Company have offered to take them. It will be well to see who will give most. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 15. Norwich. 106. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Messrs. Edgars' demands for money become urgent; three payments are due. Begs that bills may be left with Alderman Meynell to be discounted and the money be paid by Major Rob. Bendish, receiver for Norfolk. Has made no agreement for the Flemish cordage. Asks how much he may give for it. Will pay the 6*l.* to Mr Stedman. Must have an answer about the sailmaker and blockmaker, as the ship is to be ready for the water in six weeks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16? 107. Petition of John Haddock, mariner, to the Navy Comrs., for warrant to serve as boatswain on board the Marmaduke, in place of John Sheltrum, deceased. *Annexing,*

107. I. *Certificate by J. Uthwat, and eight others, of the ability and good conduct of John Haddock, boatswain's mate of the Marmaduke.* 16*th Oct.*, 1665.

Oct. 16. Conpill. 108. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has received the plank from Chepstow, and given a receipt for it. Took two pieces of compas timber also, but has not agreed about the price. Progress of works in the ship. Mr. Bayly is extremely put to it for want of rising timbers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16. 109. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. Finds on board the Constant Ann 55 bags of defective bread, unfit for any purpose. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16. Dover. 110. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Several ships were driven into harbour for shelter, upon the appearance of the Dutch fleet of 60 ships, spreading from the Goodwin Sands to the westward of the town. They joined another fleet that rode off North Foreland. Repairs are needed for the Castle frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16. Chatham. 111. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The certain news of the Dutch fleet being upon the coast puts Sir Wm. Penn upon an endeavour to get some fire-ships ready. Has undertaken to provide two or three from Deptford. Account of ships dispatched and others ready to sail. Masts and cant spars wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16. Shields. 112. Capt. J. Lightfoot to the Navy Comrs. The Speedwell is under repair, being damaged by foul weather; is forced to make use of two new cables belonging to Sir Wm. Penn. Will charge them to the boatswain's indent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16. Warrant to pay to Henry Progers 200*l.* for rebuilding the house in the mews belonging to him as equerry to the King. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 16. Petworth. 113. Dr. Ri. Rawlinson to Williamson. Thanks for his letters of intelligence, and wishes them continuance. Wishes the Sultan of

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Queen's [College, Oxford,] could be called to account before the whole society for his exorbitances, that it may be clearly known what money the college has.

Oct. 16. Weybridge. 114. Willm. Ball, servant to Sir Edw. Norris, to Williamson. Asks if he can assist him in reference to an estate they treated of when at Hampton Court.

Oct. 16. London. 115. James Hickes to Williamson. Will attend to the orders about the establishment of posts to and from Oxford, but knows not how to accomplish it, unless the office be removed to Oxford, as persons not versed in the business cannot manage it. The clerk for the Oxford road has died, but all else about the office are well. None suspected of being infected are allowed to appear without a full manifestation of health. Knows no place near London that is not infected, nor any place in London more healthful than theirs; will enquire the state of health on the several roads.

Oct. 17. 116. Lord Frescheville to Williamson. Recommends to Lord Arlington's favour the business of Dr. Arnold, who does good service as physician to the soldiers at York.

Oct. 17. London. 117. Roger L'Estrange to Lord [Arlington]. Hopes his services in this time of contagion will overweigh the late miscarriage in the public intelligence with which he is charged. Wishes Mr. Muddiman would deal more openly with him. Would be ruined if forced to relinquish the News-book, which now comes to more than 400*l.* a year; the charge of entertaining spies for information was 500*l.* the first year, so that he had been ruined but for 200*l.* procured for him from His Majesty.

Oct. 17. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to grant to Thos. Chiffinch, sen., the place of waiter in the port of London, void by death of Chas. Fowke, a previous warrant for his appointment on the next vacancy not having availed. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 141.]

[Oct. 17.] 118. Draft of the above.

Oct. 17. Oxford. 119 The King to the Earl of Sandwich. Approves his conduct in setting aside for the Officers of the fleet which took the two East India prizes, the Golden Phœnix and Slothany, some portion of their goods; they have not the opportunity of making private advantage by prizes, as the inferior captains and seamen have; gives orders for the distribution thereof amongst them, viz., the Earl himself, Sir Roger Cuttance, Sir Wm. Penn, Sir Christ. Mings, Sir George Ayscough, Sir Wm. Berkeley, and six others. [3 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

119. I, II. *Two papers of memoranda of the contents of the said East India prizes.*

[Oct. 17.] 120. Draft of two clauses in the above letter.

Oct. 17. Entry of the above letter. [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 142–3.]



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Oct. $\frac{17}{27}$. 121. Certificate that Jean Spalding and other merchants of Dunkirk have deposed before Nich. Nacquart, lient.-general of that town, that the Pearl of Dunkirk belongs to them, and is so registered. [*French.*]

Oct. 17. Commissions for Sir Henry Jones to be Captain of a troop, late Sir Wm. Blakeston's, in the Earl of Oxford's regiment; Fras. Rogers to be his Cornet, and —— Jenkins his Lieutenant. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 88.]

Oct. 17. Warrant to Sir Thomas Ingram to order Sir John Curzon, Bart., receiver of the duchy of Lancaster, to pay to Sir Henry Jones 600*l.* of the King's free gift. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 280.]

[Oct. 17.] 122. Minute of the above.

Oct. 17. Warrant for Lord Sandys to keep the game in Hampshire. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 281.]

Oct. 17. Navy Office. 123. Warrant from the Navy Comrs. to the Clerks of the Store and Cheque at Deptford, to receive the cable and anchor belonging to the prize ship Good Hope, which was sold by the master, but the cable and anchor were seized on the King's behalf. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 17. Cockpit. 124. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. The merchantmen are to be paid off with all expedition, and their best men put into ships that are for sea this winter. Provisions must be hastened to Chatham and the Nore, and also the Foresight, Breda, and Pearl; masts are wanted at Portsmouth. Sends a petition from four persons: laid them by the heels last night, but has now given them liberty to go to the yard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 17. Deptford. 125. Jonas Shish to Sam. Pepys. Has induced the shipwrights and others to return to their work. Five Dutch prizes are expected in shortly, to be fitted for Newcastle. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 17. Stockwith. 126. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. The repairs of the Adam and Eve are stopped for want of money. Begs money also to clean the hoy and pay the land carriage of timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 17. Cockpit. 127. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Can give no account of the number of dead this week, but believes the decrease will be about 1,000, it being 91 in Westminster. Hears from Dover that the Dutch are off the North Sand's Head. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 18. Barber Surgeons' Hall. 1. Thos. Hollier to Sam. Pepys. Stephen Chandler is appointed surgeon of the Revenge; desires a bill for him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 18. Portsmouth. 2. St. J. Steventon to Sam Pepys. Sends a blank bill of imprest, to be filled in for payment of board wages and extra allowances to shipwrights employed out of the fleet; gives the rate of payment and account of money due. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18. Aylesford. 3. Sir John Banks to Sam. Pepys. Entreats his interest with the Duke of York, in behalf of a letter from the gentlemen of Maidstone, praying that sick men may not be sent there from the fleet; it is the only town in the county free from infection. The militia and one of the Duke's troops are already quartered there, and as boats take three or four days to come there from the Nore, the inconvenience to sick men would be great. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18. The Slothany, Erith. 4. Lord Brouncker to Sam. Pepys. Wishes the Act of Parliament empowering Navy Comrs. to act as justices of the peace to be sent down immediately. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18. 5. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Has sent away to the Nore what beer can be procured; has difficulty in obtaining cask. A quantity of beer shipped from Ipswich would have been delivered last week, but that the men were taken away by force. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 18. 6. Denis Ganden to Sam. Pepys. Account of victualling ships dispatched; can see no way to procure beer sufficient to answer the present demand from the Nore; if Spanish wines would be accepted, could buy and send some. Hears that the Sovereign and Prince have come in; hopes they may have some remaining victuals to dispose of. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

6. 1. *List of seven ships victualled, three now victualling, and eight not ready to be victualled, at Chatham and in the river; also of six victualled* 20 *days ago, for two months.*

Oct. 18. Power of attorney from Robt. Lee, of London, to Jos. Williamson, to recover all debts, demands, &c., due and payable to him. [*Ent. Book* 48, *p.* 10.]

Oct. 18. Commission for John Neal to be Captain of the company of foot in Portsmouth whereof Major Scot was captain. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 88.]

Oct. 18. Commission for Edw. Scot to be Captain of the company of foot in the regiment of Guards, whereof Sir W. Leighton was captain. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 88.]

Oct. 18. Letter Office, London, 2 P.M. 7. Post label by Sir Philip Frowde reproving the postmasters of Charing Cross, Hounslow, Maidenhead, and Reading, for their neglect and slow dispatch of letters, and commanding them to ride according to their rules and engagements, on pain of incurring the King's severe displeasure; the present label to be delivered in Oxford by 5 or 6 a.m., Oct. 19. With signatures of the postmasters at Hounslow, Maidenhead, Reading, and Abingdon.

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Oct. 19. Canbury House. 8. Roger L'Estrange to Lord Arlington. Trusts in the King's justice and his lordship's word to protect him from loss of office; before taking out his patent, told his lordship what trouble and expense he would be involved in to provide a house, family and assistants, spies for discovery, &c., and how ruinous it would be if, after all the drudgery of paying the press, and running into debt to effect it, he was stripped of office; was then assured by his lordship that he should not be dispossessed. Is now to dismiss his house and servants, and pay a debt of 3,000*l.* contracted in the King's service, without money, for though the News-book is now worth treble what it was when he found it, he has been no gainer as yet, and has drawn upon himself the malice of the whole rabble faction by his employment. Urges that the News-book was given him to balance his service [as surveyor] of the press. Has stayed in town during the pestilence, though it came into his family, and 80 of the printing trade have died of it. Is marked out for beggary and infamy, after serving the King and his father 30 years. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 19. Navy Office. 9. Receipt by Thos. Harper and Thos. Cowley into the stores at Deptford, from Edw. Riggs and Wm. Blackborne, of a cable and anchor said to belong to the prize ship Good Hope, Oct. 17; with note by Sam. Pepys, desiring Capt. Badiley to view the same and report their value. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. 10. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The dimensions of the William hoy are 27 feet by 14. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. Cockpit. 11. Duke of Albemarle to Sam. Pepys. Encloses an order for converting the Young Prince into a fire-ship. Has ordered five fire-ships at Harwich to the buoy of the Nore, but they may want fitting for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. Cockpit. 12. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Requests orders for the speedy dispatch of the Black Eagle, a Dutch prize. The Foresight, Breda, and Pearl must be hastened to the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. Oxford. 13. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Encloses an account of disbursements for pressing men in Dorsetshire; requires a bill signed for the money, made payable to Sir John Strode. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. 14. Lord Brouncker and Sir John Mennes to Sam. Pepys. Think it best to send the prisoners to Gravesend, and put Mr. Evelyn to the trouble of procuring orders for provisions for them. Can do nothing for them without orders, and Mr. Evelyn has received money, though he has converted it to another use. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. Harwich. 15. Thos. Hopwood to the Navy Comrs. The store-ship Tromp has lain in harbour 28 days, laden with cables and cordage, waiting to be cleared; this cannot be done, because the people on board are sick. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 19. Chatham. 16. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. An express from the Duke of York urges the immediate dispatch of Admiral Harman's squadron; those of them in the river must rejoin the fleet at once; Mr. Gauden must be hastened in dispatching beer to the fleet, or the service will suffer unspeakable prejudice. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. Deptford. 17. Capt. Charles Juxon to [the Navy Comrs.]. Recommends Wm. Young, Wm. Hill, and Thos. Moon as boatswain, gunner, and carpenter of the fire-ship Land of Promise. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 19. Royal James. 18. Sir Thos. Allin to Sam. Pepys. Wants 1,500 tickets for men to reinforce the squadron now fitting out for sea, out of ships remaining behind; 300 tuns of beer are required to complete the provision. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 20. Gravesend. 19. Fr. Hosier to [the Navy Comrs.] Is told by Lord Brouncker that the warrant received for victualling Dutch prisoners was a mistake, and that the Commissioners for sick and wounded will supply them, both afloat and on shore, but is ordered to give petty warrants to the seamen belonging to the flyboats that brought the prisoners. Squire Evelyn refuses to find provisions so long as the prisoners remain on board. Asks whether he may give petty warrants, and when to begin on each ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 20. Hull. 20. Wm. Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Begs payment of money due for shingle provided for the Delft frigate, and colours, arms, and compasses for the Katherine. Four yachts and ketches want cleaning. Desires orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 20. Cockpit. 21. Duke of Albemarle to Sam. Pepys. The Foresight, Breda, and Pearl are to be hastened out; also a supply of beer, as desired by Sir Wm. Penn; 5,000*l.* is to be received of the Prize Officers for paying short allowances. *Encloses,*

21. I. *Sir Wm. Penn to the Duke of Albemarle. The Duke of York urges the immediate dispatch of Admiral Harman's squadron. Entreats a speedy supply of beer, and an examination as to where the neglect has been. Ships in the river must be hastened out. Chatham, 19th Oct.,* 1665.

Oct. ? 22. Petition of Sir Edward Savage to the King, for present subsistence, till some future maintenance can be assigned him from Wales. Lost 5,000*l.* in the late King's service by the commission of depopulations; 1,000*l.* for repair of St. Paul's; 500*l.* lent to the late King; 10,000*l.* in draining his fen lands, by the grant of which he did not profit on account of the times; the reversion of an office in the Court of Wards, and the making of an English baronet which had been promised him. Was wounded, lost his right hand, and was eight years in prison.

Oct. 20. Warrant to pay to Sir Edward Savage and Edm. Wyndham 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, due to the Crown from John Morgan of Wexford, Ireland, for arrears of rent and fine. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 144.]

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Oct. 20. Beere. 23. J. Turberville to Lord Ashley. The 18 months' contribution for Dorsetshire is fully paid in. Wants an order for apprehension of that old knave, James Berrie, *alias* Mr. James, now living in Berkshire; it will be a satisfaction to Dorsetshire, which has heavily groaned under his oppression.

Oct. 21. 24. Roger L'Estrange to Lord Arlington. Knows not what errors in his intelligence are reflected on, since the Court removed from London. Used Mr. Muddiman in Mr. Williamson's sickness, though to little advantage, and is willing to allow him 3*l.* a week as before. His lordship has not valued the News-book at a fourth part of its worth. Complained of loss, but it was on account of the charge for the service of the press. Has doubled the size and price of the book, and brought the value from 200*l.* to 400*l.* or 500*l.* a year. Thanks for his lordship's good intentions. Asks leave to wait upon him in Oxford, or at least to come within reach of speaking to Mr. Williamson.

Oct. 21. 25. Sir Thos. Gower to Lord [Arlington]. Wm. Sykes, merchant, brother to Rich. Sykes, who married the daughter of Thos. Scot, the traitor, has been an agent in foreign parts for the fanatics ever since the Restoration. He has been in disguise in England as a spy, and wants a licence to come home, on pretence of wishing to live quietly in England. He has been in counsel with Bampfield, Kelsey, and other fugitives; he knows all the secrets of the cabal, and if he be taken, can discover all that has been in agitation against government for three or four years past.

Oct. 21. Pass for the Lucretia, belonging to Peter Pattyn and other inhabitants of Bruges, to go and return from Spain. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 283.]

Oct. 21. Pass for the ship Love from Bruges to Cadiz, for the use of John Baptist Carlier of Cadiz. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 283.]

Oct. 21. Cockpit. 26. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desires masts and spruce deals to be supplied to Comr. Middleton at Portsmouth. Sir Wm. Coventry's letter concerning the recovered seamen is to be sent to Lord Brouncker and Sir John Mennes, and if complied with, they must be sent on board the two prizes where the Dutch prisoners lately were. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

26. 1. *Sir Wm. Coventry to the Duke of Albemarle. It will be hard to supply ships at the Nore with petty warrant. The case of sick men recovered and returned, but refused admittance into their ships, is very sad; proposes two or three large ships to be set apart to receive them. Knows not how to supply the men with clothes, London being infected as it is. Is glad the ships in the Downs saved themselves.* [*Copy.*] *Oxford, Oct.* 19, 1665.

Oct. 21. 27. Sir Thos. Allin to Capt. Paul, commander of the hospital ship Loyal Katherine. Orders him to sail for Woolwich and attend the orders of the Navy Comrs. at Greenwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 21. Chatham. 28. Sir Wm. Penn and Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Plank and timber wanted. If not presently supplied, the works must be stopped and men discharged. A bargain of plank is offered at 3*l.* 5*s.* per load; also of elm timber at 2*l.* 6*s.* per load. Ask permission to treat for them. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*

28. I. *Phin. Pett to* [*Comr. Pett*]. *Has viewed the parcel of 2, 3, and 4 inch plank, tendered by John Fenn of Feverton in Suffolk. Judges it to be worth 4l. 5s. per load.* *Oct.* 6, 1665.

Oct. 21. 29. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Without an immediate supply of a considerable sum of money, and a certain weekly payment, will not be able to answer the demand of one year's victuals of 35,000 men lately sent in. Dreads the consequences to the service of want of cask. Ships hired since last spring to fetch staves from Hamburg have remained at Harwich, waiting for convoy, at about 900*l.* per month demurrage. It is impossible to provide fish to answer the demand. Requests orders to deliver oatmeal and such like provisions instead. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 21. Bethnal Green. 30. Sam. Heron to Sam. Pepys. An English ship has been stopped, going out of Pillau. Complaints were made to the commander of the Castle, who affirms he has orders to stop all English ships, on account of the Brandenburg vessels lately arrested. Asks what to do in case Sir Wm. Rider's ships be kept too late for the convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 21. The Unity, Spithead. 31. Capt. Thos. Trafford to the Navy Comrs. Has captured the St. John caper pink of Flushing; sustained damage by a storm; was 11 days windbound at Jersey; the caper, upon being chased, ran through a parcel of rocks on the west side of Guernsey, called the Hanways, so dangerous that the people profess never to have known any vessel venture through that way before.

Oct. 21. Portsmouth. 32. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Knows not how to remedy the great evil of seamen going to and from London, and their wives coming down, some with plague sores upon them; nothing but a miracle can prevent the infection spreading; is sorry to hear of the destruction in all the other yards; greatly wants money; it is impossible to keep the men in order; the Hardreen is unloading, and shall soon be dispatched with canvas; is in terror at the want of masts, the sight of them would make him young again; Capt. Colville's boatswain is a bad man. Has taken 50 men out of the Blackamoor merchant, and distributed them to three ships in port; M. Papillon's yarn is the best ever had from France; has bought cordage and English hemp; arrival of the Unity and Crown. [*Adm. Paper,* 3 *pages.*]

Oct. 21? 33. Petition of Peter Rowly, boatswain of the Resolution, to the Navy Comrs., for the place of boatswain and assistant to Capt. Badiley. *Encloses,*

33. I. *Certificate by Capt. William Badiley, and three others of the fitness of Peter Rowly to serve as boatswain of the*

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*yard at Deptford, and assistant to the master of attendance, in place of Jas. Ansdell, deceased. With note of his conformity to the Church of England, by Rob. Breton, vicar of Deptford.* *Oct.* 21, 1665.

Oct. 21? 34. Petition of John Chandler to the Navy Comrs., to be continued as master of the Welcome, belonging to the Royal Company, lately returned from Guinea, and now fitting up for the King's service. With note from Sir John Mennes to Mr. Hayter, for a warrant to be drawn out accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 22. Chatham. 35. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Objects to the Sovereign's being paid off; all her best men are turned over to Admiral Harman's squadron, the others had better be discharged by ticket; should it be reported that the Sovereign is to be paid, all other ships would expect the same, and the numbers coming down from London must inevitably spread the plague. Admiral Harman's squadron was elected by council of war, and only waits a supply of beer and water; the Breda is to be hastened down; 5,000 tickets are wanted. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

Oct. 22. Portsmouth. 36. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The Commissioners have arrived, but Sir Hugh Cholmeley is gone to Oxford. Without a great sum of money, it will be impossible to carry on the service at Portsmouth.

Oct. 22. Rickmansworth. 37. G. Phillipps to Lord Arlington. Can find no design formed against government. His letters have miscarried, for all the people in the house where they were addressed are dead of the plague or dispersed. Danvers is about, but is very wary since his great fright. Thinks he could secure him if he engaged about it in person. Strange is sick or dead of the plague.

Oct. 23. Ham. 38. Lady Cath. Moray to Williamson. Thanks for favours, of which his sister Dysart informs her. Begs transmission of a packet to "my Lord" in Dublin.

Oct. 23. Edinburgh. 39. Alexander Archbishop of Glasgow to Lord Arlington. The disorders in the North did not arise from dislike to the King's authority, but from quarrels amongst themselves, which are now composed. In the West and South, a worse spirit rules; many who formerly fled having returned, are drawing together disorderly persons, whom they embitter by rebellious lectures and sermons; yet they are not seized, and the ringleaders are so countenanced that they can scarce be known or apprehended. Many Quakers, lately come from England, do much hurt. The King must remind the people of their duty. The nomination of a chancellor would conduce to the peace of the kingdom.

Oct. 23. Oxford. The King to [the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley]. John Trelawney solicits a lease of several tenements, parcel of the duchy; cannot grant what he requests, but considering his services, wishes a report to be made of the fines levied thereon on renewal of leases, and will then grant such part of the same as he may think fit. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 37.]

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Oct, 23. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to pay up arrears of board wages, at 60*l.* a year, from June 1662, to Lady Frazer and Mrs. Jane La Garde, women of the bedchamber and dressers to the Queen Consort; also board wages for Sir Alex. Frazer, from 30th Sept. 1663 to 1st Oct. 1664, notwithstanding the stay of board wages for that year, the same to be paid from the household allowance for the last year; also for continuance to Lady Scroope of board wages above her pension of 300*l.* a year. [*Ent. Book* 22, *pp.* 286–7.]

Oct. 23 Warrant to P. Slanny, messenger, to apprehend — Burton in Lincolnshire. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 289.]

Oct. 23. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent. The Dutch have appeared a second time on the coasts, though not seeming in a condition to attempt a landing; yet for better security, the militia of the county are to be in readiness to assemble on the shortest notice, if necessary, to defend the coast against the attempts of the enemy. With minute of like letters to the Lord Lieutenants of Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 89.]

[Oct. 23.] 40. Draft of the above.

Oct. 23. 41. Address of a letter to be sent [by Sec. Morice] in great haste to the Lord Lieutenant or Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk, on the King's special service.

Oct. ? 42. Memoranda for Lord Arlington to write to the Lord Lieutenants of Lincolnshire and Sussex (Suffolk?), to send such militia force as desired by Col. John Russell, for securing the Isle of Ely from fanatics, or any enemy; to commission Col. Russell to send for and command the said forces; to write to Lord Townsend to send two companies from Norfolk to Yarmouth, to supply the place of those withdrawn; to order the Ordnance Comrs. to supply the stores for Col. Russell; to order Lord Berkeley, with the Somersetshire forces, to secure or disarm Col. Buffett, or any other disaffected persons he thinks fit, and to do his utmost to prevent a rising.

Oct. ? 43. Instructions for Col. Russell, with the forces under his command, to prevent fanatics from securing the Isle of Ely, to seize and disarm any disaffected persons, and endeavour to keep any enemies from landing.

Oct. 23. Sayes Court. 44. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. In answer to the enquiries as to what number of seamen are sick on shore, the ships whence they came, the places to which they are sent, &c., refers to his former accounts up to the 5th of June; the last quarter's report may be ready in a day or two; presumes his brethren are similarly prepared. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 23. Portsmouth. 45. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Hardreen is almost unladen; hopes to have a considerable quantity of canvas in her by the end of the week; is sorry that some of the poor colliers have been taken by the Dutch.

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Oct. 23. 46. Chris. Pett and nine other Members of Shipwrights' Hall to the Navy Comrs. Have surveyed the ships building by Mr. Johnson at Blackwall and Wm. Castell at Deptford, and find the work well and substantially performed, answerable to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 23. Dover. 47. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Castle frigate and Phœnix were sent into harbour for security against the Dutch fleet, but have since, by the Duke of Albemarle's order, been tallowed and supplied with necessaries; 26 sail of the enemy were seen off Goodwin Sands yesterday. Entreats the passing of his accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 23. Castes, Essex. 48. Sir Wm. Rider to Sam. Pepys. Hopes some speedy course will be taken to convoy the 13 ships out of the Sound, and free those detained by the Brandenburger: begs that the Eagle may convoy or carry stores to Portsmouth, where her provisions lie, if the Dutch fleet be not on the coast. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

48. 1. *Fr. Sanderson to Sir Wm. Rider. Vessels are delayed, not being suffered to unload for fear of infection; grieves to hear of the heavy judgment of the plague in London; business disbursements at Riga; hears that the custom house officers at Pillau have refused to clear English ships till further order, because the King stayed in England two of the Elector of Brandenburg's vessels. Particulars of Abraham Dixon of Newcastle's ship being stopped at Pillau. Dantzic, Oct. 10 and 14, 1665.*

Oct. 23. 49. Sir Wm. Rider and Wm. Cutler to the Navy Comrs. Request that some speedy course may be taken for the clearing of hemp ships detained at Pillau. Seven ships laden with hemp, pitch, and tar lie waiting for convoy at the entrance of the Sound. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 23. Royal James. 50. Sir Thos Allin to the Navy Comrs. Has taken 35 men from Capt. Neale's ship to fit the Mary Rose. The enemy lie off the Goodwin Sands, straggling every day under sail close into the Foreland, as high as the Gunfleet, forcing the Gift to stave the buoy, and come to the middle ground; 3,000 tickets are wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24. Chatham Ropeyard. 51. John Owen to the Navy Comrs. In 14 days' time, there will be no hemp to spin nor yarn to lay; only 60 tons are in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24. 52. Certificate by John Tooker of the time of dismission of 33 victualler's ships. With note that two months in six have been lost, and obstructions caused by the victualling agents not taking up returned casks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 24? 53. Petition of Bennett Bright, surgeon of the St. Paul, to the Duke of York, for reward for the loss of his medicine chest, clothes, books, and instruments, value 40*l.*, lost in the sinking of the St. Paul during the late engagement with the Dutch; also that his ticket, long since signed, may be forthwith paid.

Oct. 24? 54. Petition of Augustine Punnett to the King, for yearly or competent allowance in his capacity of pilot, the employment being very great, and his pay of late much lessened.

Oct. 24. Cockpit. 55. Petition of the Soldiers on board the St. George, a merchantman in the King's service, to the Duke of Albemarle, for dismissal that they may return to their several companies, and for tickets for the amount of payment due to each, they having served during the war, and the ship being now dishanded With reference thereon to the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24. Oxford. 56. Jno. Fenn to Sam. Pepys. Requires an estimate from Mr. Hewes for 5,000 men, to complete this year's declaration, and likewise one for the ordinary for the year. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24. 57. Denis Gauden to Sir Wm. Coventry. The amount necessary before the end of January for beef and pork will be 75,500*l.*; this, with money due for the year past, and the remainder of the present year's declaration, amounts to 425,933*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; unless it be paid by 40 weekly payments from December next, sees no possibility of performing the contract. [*Copy. Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24. Tower Wharf. 58. Giles Bond, master of the Harwich hoy, to the Navy Comrs. Account of 18 guns saved from the wreck of the London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24. Royal James. 59. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. Sends up the Lamb prize, with a parcel of decayed wine, unfit to drink. Proposes to make a victualler of her. With note by Sir John Mennes, Erith, Oct. 31, that the Commissioners of Prizes refuse to meddle with the Lamb, alleging that when full laden, she was taken from them for the use of the fleet, and therefore must continue under the Navy Comrs.' inspection. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24. Chatham. 60. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Desires an immediate supply of hemp, and the masts so often demanded; is much importuned by the sawyers for money. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

60. I. *Survey by Comr. Peter Pett of the new third-rate frigate building by Mr. Johnson at Blackwall.*

Oct. 24. Eggleston, near Greta Bridge, Yorkshire. 61. Chris. Sanderson to Williamson. Thinks there is nothing acting; their hopes are on the good success of the Dutch. Complains of being left out of the commission for the royal aid, and begs remembrance if any more assessments are granted. Asks employment for his son, who is living at home with a stepmother.

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Oct. ? 62. Petition of Rich. Purney, B.A., of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, to the King, for a letter mandatory to his college to confer on him the fellowship void by preferment of one of the fellows as chaplain to the Guinea Company. *Annexing,*

62. I. *Certificate by Dr. Rich. Minshull, Master, and seven Fellows of Sidney Sussex College, in favour of the petitioner.* [*Latin.*] *March* 18, 1665.

Oct. ? 63. Brian Viscount Cullen to Williamson, keeper of Lord Arlington's royal papers in Oxford. Requests the King's mandate for Rich. Purney, B.A., for a foundation fellowship in Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He is qualified for it, but takes this way to get in, because most of the fellows are inclined to choose a person whose loyalty is not sound. The time of the fellows' meeting is uncertain, because of the sickness. The mandate should be worded for a foundation fellowship, as some others are not worth the having.

Oct. 24. Letter recommending Rich. Purney, B.A., to be Fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Minute. [*Ent Book* 19, *p.* 50.]

Oct. 24. Privy seal for 425,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for sea victuals for 35,000 men for a year. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 282.]

Oct. 24. Navy Office, Greenwich. 64. Estimate by the Navy Comrs. of the charge of wages of 5,000 men for one year, in order to make up the 25,000 of last year into 30,000; total, 182,500*l.*

Oct. 24. Lisbon. 65. Edw. Colston to Wm. Colston, merchant of Bristol. No English ships will be permitted to unlade in Portugal, an order being issued to the contrary, by virtue of which three vessels that came in were forced back, though the people wished their admittance. Begs that no vessels may be sent at present, for fear of loss.

Oct. 24. Paris. 66. Sir Thos. Higgons to Williamson. Does not know whether Lord Arlington has received his letters since the Court left Hampton Court; asks if Lord Peterborough is at Oxford. The Duke of Vendosme died on Wednesday last.

Oct. 24. 67. Notes by Rob. Southwell of commissions for appraisement and delivery of the ship St. Bertrand and her lading, and for appraisement and sale of the Flower Pot and the Young Prince.

Oct. 24. Ham. 68. Elizabeth Countess of Dysart to Williamson. Will keep the King's warrant till Sir Lionel Tollemache comes into Suffolk; he will deliver it himself, in order to obviate any observations that a business so long depending may yet meet with. Thanks for his kindness in the affair.

Oct. 24. Greenwich. 69. Earl of Sandwich to Lord Arlington. The Dutch fleet is still about the Gunfleet; has sent for the Duke of Albemarle, the victualler, and the ship captains thereabouts, to consult what is to be done, and hasten preparations. The fleet will fall down to the Nore to-morrow.

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Oct. 25. Oxford. Reference recommending strongly to Lord Chancellor Clarendon the petition of Capt. Gregory Alford for reimbursement of 4,867*l.* 3*s.*, disbursed by him in His Majesty's service. [*Ent. Book* 18 *p.* 189.]

[Oct. 25.] [Oxford.] 70. Allegations in proof of the statements in the petition of Capt Gregory Alford, which was referred by the King to the Lord Chancellor.

Oct. 25. Althorp. 71. Thos. Wormeley to Thos. Robson, at Sir Wm. Coventry's. Oxford. Requests a pass for two horses, and a groom named John Browne, for his lord, who will pay the usual fees.

Oct. 25. Dover. 72. Warham Jennett, sen., to Williamson. The pacquet boat was taken, but De Ruyter freed it, and gave it a protection for the future. The Dutch are consulting how to go up the Thames, to fire all the ships; they think they could go up, but might not return safely. Wants an order that his purse as well as his person may be considered as included in the order for deputy-postmasters to be free from musters, watches, juries, &c.

[Oct. 25.] Wednesday night. 73. Sir Wm. Blakeston to Williamson, at Oxford. Requested Lord Arlington's letter to his landlord, Mr. Grenville, archdeacon of Durham, for renewal of a lease which he and his father have held 60 years. It is a hard thing, but knows he must pay money, and therefore wishes his lordship to ask them not to exact more than the first agreement, which was 300*l.*, because he was absent by the Lord General's order, on the day for surrender. *Annexing,*

73. I. *Certificate by Sir John Malory, governor of Skipton Castle, of Sir Wm. Blakeston's services in defence of the garrison there.* [*Copy.*] *Skipton Castle, Dec.* 22, 1645.

Oct. 25. Oxford. Lord Arlington to Dr. Exton and Dr. Jenkins, judges of the High Court of Admiralty. The King formerly referred to them a sentence given in that court against Rich. Batson,—ordering Batson to be released on bail, on depositing the sum of money in which he was condemned; but finding that he concurs in the sentence, notwithstanding what was alleged in his petition, the order of reference is to be annulled, and the case proceeded in according to the former sentence. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 283.]

Oct. 25. 74. Draft of the above. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 25. Chatham. 75. Sir Wm. Penn and Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Will contract for plank and elm at the best terms possible, but for want of ready money, must pay 4*s.* or 5*s.* a load extra. Object to paying off the Sovereign's crew; it will be best to discharge them by tickets, as men on other ships of the fleet, who have served five times as long, will think it a hard measure that there should be a formal pay, and none for them; also people would crowd thither if it were known that there was money paid, and perhaps from infected places. The plague is rife among the seamen. Postscript requesting that the

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Duke of York may be informed of the above. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Annexing,*

75. I. *The Navy Comrs. to Sir W. Penn and Comr. Pett. To avoid infection and the confusion of discharge by ticket, the men shall be paid on board as soon as the ship comes to her moorings.* [*Copy.*] *Oct.* 31, 1665.

Oct. 25. Lyme. 76. Solomon Andrews to Sam. Pepys. Complains of Capt. Manning, commander of a privateer, having seized wine and brandy to the value of 100*l.*, from a vessel laden at Rochelle on account of himself and friends. It is sad that such men should have commission to abuse the King's loyal subjects. Offers to furnish from Cadiz money required by Sir Hugh Cholmeley for the mole at Tangiers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 25. Wanstead. 77. Joshua Child to Sam. Pepys. Entreats payment of his imprest bill, according to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 25. Woolwich Ropeyard. 78. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Comrs. The whole of the refractory workmen, who were away from the 13th to the 18th, have returned peaceably to the yard, and continued their employments. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 26. Chatham. 79. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Sends the enclosed according to directions. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

79. I. *Account of provisions supplied from Chatham to six merchantmen and ketches named, since March* 30, 1665. *Oct.* 16, 1665.

Oct. 26. The Welcome, Woolwich. 80. Capt. Mich. Lindsey to the Navy Comrs. Wants 100 men; the guns are on board, and all else ready. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 26? 81. Petition of John Furzer, of Deptford, to the Navy Comrs. to be appointed boatswain of the Resolution, having formerly served in the Jersey and Royal Charles. *Annexing,*

81. *Certificate by Capt. Wm. Badiley, and four others, of the fitness of John Furzer to serve as boatswain in any ship; with note by Robt. Breton, vicar of Deptford, that the said John Furzer frequents the house of God, and reverently attends the holy ordinances.* *Oct.* 26, 1665.

Oct. 26. London. 82. John Colvile to Sam. Pepys. Requests protection for the William and John, bound for Falmouth, to load fish for the Straits; also for the Welcome to go in company with her.

Oct. 26. Portsmouth. 83. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Promises a speedy account of what has been delivered to merchant ships since his coming to Portsmouth. If money to pay board wages and buy broom be not soon sent down, the King's business will not go on so cheerfully as expected. Elm timber and candles are wanted, but cannot be procured without ready money. [*Adm. Paper,* 1¼ pages.]

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Oct. 26. Bethnal Green. 84. Sam. Heron to Sam. Pepys. Sends a list of ships supposed to be in the Sound, laden with hemp, pitch, and tar from Stockholm, on the King's account. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

84. I. *List of six ships freighted by Sir Wm. Rider's company for Stockholm, and of nine for Dantzic and Riga, detained by order of the Duke of Brandenburg.*

Oct. 26. Warrant for payment to Thomas Wyndham of his pension of 200*l.* a year, for long and faithful service, in spite of the general order for stay of pensions. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 145.]

Oct. 26. The King to the Master and Fellows of Christ College, Cambridge. Recommends Jas. Cookson, formerly a student, for the Manciple's place there. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 145.]

Oct. 26. Oxford. Warrant of assistance to John Chaplaine, of London, appointed by the Canary Company to seize all goods imported from or exported to the Canary Islands, contrary to the tenor of their charter, by which proceedings they have been greatly damaged of late, and to detain the same till all impositions and fines due to the company have been paid. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 284.]

Oct. 26. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay to William Castell 300*l.* out of money for prize ships and goods. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 285.]

Oct. 26. 85. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Has just come from attending the King, who approves of the acquainting the houses of his intention for a recess on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Oct. 26. Oxford. 86. [Lord Arlington] to the Lord Mayor of London. The King, considering that vast sums are yearly exported for foreign manufactures, whilst both in France and Holland, rigorous ways are used to discourage English manufactures, has resolved that, after the mourning for the King of Spain is over, he will wear nothing, inside or out, that is not of English manufacture, except linen and calicoes. The Queen will do the same, and the whole Court is enjoined to follow their example. Wishes the London shopkeepers to know this, that they may not send abroad for laces, silks, stuffs, &c. [*Draft, 2 pages.*]

Oct. 26. Carmarthen Gaol. 87. Ralph Grundy to the King. Complains of the Earl of Carbery's abuse of his power in oppressing subjects, and taking revenge on those who will not obey his arbitrary commands, and in placing his kinsmen in the offices of the town and county, to the obstruction of justice. Was persecuted by him in 1643, on pretence of his acting against the late King, though he had been in no public employment, but was taken prisoner, plundered to the value of 200*l.*, his brother murdered, and he kept in prison nine months, whereby the country was incensed against the King's cause. Escaped into Pembrokeshire, and led a private life till May 1664, when returning into the county, the Lord President had him apprehended as a dangerous person. Particulars of his treatment since, in frequent apprehensions, refusal of release except on giving a second bail

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before his former one is returned, &c. Could cite several other cases to the same effect. Wishes His Majesty would give a fatherlike rebuke and check to these bold persecutions. Is ready to prove what he has asserted. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 27. Royal James. 88. Earl of Sandwich to Lord Arlington. Thanks for his candid and generous friendship.

Oct. 27. Warrant to the Officers of Customs at Portsmouth to permit John Barncroft to ship 900*l.* sterling for the King's service in the island of Guernsey. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 287.]

Oct. 27. Portsmouth. 89. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is put to his wit's end for want of masts and money. Cannot procure broom, candles, timber, oars, nor any necessaries. As for board wages, has put the poor men off with hope so long, that he is forced to lend them 10*s.* per man to keep them from mutiny; all are yet in good health. It is a strange mercy that Portsmouth is so free from contagion. Has refused to receive the stores and guns sent to the garrison, on account of the plague being on board the vessel. Asks directions about dispatching the Hardreen with canvas for Chatham. Train oil is wanted. The new house may be finished in 20 days, but will not be fit to live in this winter; 12 or 14 ships are to be at Spithead in a few days. [*Adm. Paper*, 2¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 27. Cockpit. 90. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Parliament has voted 120,000*l.* to the Duke of York, after the last 1,250,000*l.* is paid. The Dutch ships from Cadiz have arrived in the Texel, and 16 new ones are launched. The Duke of York has sent instructions from the Lords Commissioners to the Sub-Commissioners for Prizes, reversing the former orders to put the prizes into the East India Company's hands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 27. Plymouth. 91. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Elizabeth, Tiger, and Coventry are in port, having weathered out a great storm in the Sound. Asks directions about supplying junk and port ropes. The Ordnance Officers write word that they are to be supplied by the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 27. Woolwich. 92. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Wishes to be supplied, from the New England masts lately delivered at Deptford and the Gottenburg masts in store, with those necessary for the new ships in building. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. Dieppe. 93. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Had goods shipped ready for London, when by reason of the sickness, vessels were forbidden on pain of death to trade with England. Discovery of a plot conducted by a merchant of Abbeville, to engross the trade with England in yarn; one parcel was consigned to M. Papillon, and landed at Portsmouth. Hopes this dishonesty may not injure his trade. Could obtain the goods from the King of France, by an introduction to Monseigneur de Colbert, the Minister of State, through the English Ambassador. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 28. The Madras, Blackwall. 94. Capt. Thos. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Is obliged to remain on board, waiting for provisions. Has neither lieutenant, master, nor boatswain. There is no order at the Tower for delivery of his gunner's stores. Requests a warrant for entering men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. 95. Report by Jonas Shish of Gottenburg masts lying at Wapping, fit for the Foresight or Seven Oaks; also of New England masts in Mr. Gray's yard at Redriff. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. The Sovereign Ocham Ness. 96. Wm. Coleman to Sam. Pepys. Sends tickets for discharging the soldiers in the Bendish. Printed tickets are wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. Edwinstow. 97. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Robt. Breet, master of the Love hoy, refuses to serve any more. Note of loans granted him. The King's hoys have arrived at Stockwith, but their ports are cut too small; must have them altered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. Cantes, Essex. 98. Sir Wm. Rider to Sir Wm. Batten. Recommends Sam. Waterton as purser in any of the King's frigates. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 28. Fr. Hosier to [the Navy Comrs.]. Has supplied petty warrants for provisions for the Golden Band, and also given money for beer to the seamen of the fly boat Prince William, ordered to Erith, as they threatened that without it, they would leave the ship. [*Adm. Paper. Domestic Corresp., October* 20, 1665, *No.* 19.]

Oct. 28. Tower. 99. W. Boteler to David Walter, Godstow, near Oxford. Complains of the injury done to him, though innocent, because having supported himself by pleading his causes, his clients now send for their papers back, and few will again give him their business. Begs a trial or release, having been three months in prison, or at least an allowance for diet, or he must starve. Has to steal out his letter, not having the favour of writing to his wife anything but what is seen by the governor, nor being allowed to see any one, as though he were the greatest plotter against the King.

Oct. 28. [Lyme.] 100. Dr. Peter Crabb to Lord Arlington. Will do good service, if owned in it. The hellish crew are as bad now as ever.

Oct. 28. Warrant for an allowance from the Treasury Chamber of 2*s.* a day to Charles Pickerne, appointed a messenger in ordinary. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 230.]

Oct. 29. Oxford. Pass for the ship Mary, belonging to merchants of Bruges, from Bruges to Spain and back. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 295.]

Oct. 29. Oxford. 101. Lord Arlington to the Deputy Governor of Dover. The King is much offended with the usage of Sieur Canet, who being employed in conveyance of packets to and from France for the ambassador, was ill treated by the [Customs'] Officers of Dover. Enquiry is to be made, and a full account given of the affair, that such abuses may be

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punished, and the letters and packets allowed to pass without search or hindrance.

Oct. 29. Woolwich Ropeyard. 102. Wm. Bodham to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Rundell gives fair promises of filling the wharf, to prevent the enclosed statement being sent up; leaves it to the discretion of the Board to make what use they like of it; wishes no man disgrace, but merely to show how the King may be injured by certificates. No bill should be passed till the wharf is filled in. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

102. I. *Account by Wm. Bodham of Mr Rundell's deportment in the business of the wharf:—That his information, which procured a warrant for Mr. Pett to view the work, was a bold lie; his certificate in answer to the warrant erroneous; that the filling up of the wharf is not yet put in hand, and no hemp can be taken up till it is done; that the work, when done, will be bountifully paid by 29l. 5s. 8d., the stuff and charge for workmanship (as he huddles it over) not amounting by 8l. to what he lays down in the estimate. Woolwich, Oct. 24.*

Oct. 29. The Kent, Portsmouth. 103. Wm. Rivers to the Navy Comrs. Notifies his appointment as purser to the Kent, in place of John Smith, deceased. Cannot wait on them and then return to his ship, the infection being so dangerous. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 30. Bristol. 104. Iseburn Holland to the Navy Comrs. Reports progress of the new frigate building by Fras. Bayley; the great hindrance is from bad timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 30. Dover. 105. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Phœnix has been got out to sea, and set sail, but was obliged to leave two of her guns behind; is not able to get the Castle frigate out yet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 30. 106. Intelligence given by M. Lethulier to Sam. Pepys, that the Paragon Daletta, a Dutch caper, is bound for Surinam, to do what spoil it can there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 30. Coupill. 107. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The great hindrance is the want of land carriage for timber; the Justices disputing concerning the observance of the warrant, every obstruction in the service may be imputed to them; plenty of timber in the forest is ready for carriage; begs the decision of the Board in the matter, and warrants to the Justices of Monmouthshire for 50 loads; asks if anchors are to be made there; desires a letter of credit for 400l. on Isaac Morgan, collector of Bristol. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Oct. 30. Dartmouth. 108. [Capt. Haket] to George Lapthorne, merchant in Plymouth. Has arrived from Lisbon in eight days. The King of Portugal would not allow them nor their goods to land, but drove them off by shots, and soldiers were ready to destroy them if they did not depart.

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Oct. 30. Isle of Wight. 109. Col. Walter Slingsby to [H. Muddiman]. Col. Wm. Scutt of Poolo, an honest correspondent, is dead. Capts. Greene and Diamond have brought in two good prizes; they pretend to be French, though the goods are Dutch; at this rate there will soon be no Dutch. The people are eager after a French war. Two young sailors were hired by a mother in the island to go to Southampton, and fetch thence her daughter from a house where all but she were [dead of the plague]. They did it but were discovered; she and one of the seamen are shut up, and Sir Wm. Berkeley will try by a court martial the other, who has escaped on to shipboard.

Oct. 31. Plymouth. 110. John Clarke to Williamson. Particulars of vessels from and for Virginia. The magistrates are cautious how any of the men come ashore, as they were in London 18 days ago. Six of the King's frigates are also in the harbour. There are two French ships off Pendennis, carrying a governor to Martinique and Guadaloupe. Those western parts are free from contagion.

Oct. 31. 111. Vote of thanks of the House of Commons to the University of Oxford, for their loyalty in the late rebellion, and especially in refusing to submit to a visitation of the usurped powers and to take the solemn league and covenant; to be presented to them by Mr. Hyde, the Solicitor General, Col. Strangways, and Sir John Birkenhead.

Oct. 31. The King to the Master of ——— Hospital, near Winchester. Is much pressed, as the number of Dutch prisoners increases, to know where to find convenient places for them in this time of sickness. Thinks that hospital would be a fitting place, and orders him to receive those who will be sent from Portsmouth, and meanwhile to dispose of the almswomen in some house to be hired at the King's expense in the suburbs. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 146.]

Oct. 31. Pass for two horses to France for Lord Sunderland. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 287.]

Oct. 31. Privy seal for 305*l.* to Hugh May, in addition to 150*l.* already paid, for repair of Nonsuch, and making it fit for the Exchequer; also for 300*l.* for repair of the Duke of Monmouth's lodgings at the Cockpit. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 287.]

Oct. 31. Privy seal for 750*l.* to Lord Rochester, without account, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 288.]

Oct. 31. Pass for five horses for Mons. De Clenelle. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 288.]

Oct. 31. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay to Sir George Carteret, for the pressing wants of sick and wounded seamen and Dutch prisoners, 15,000*l.* out of the first moneys advanced by the East India Company on their warrants. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 289.]

Oct. 31. Oxford. 112. Pass for Sir Henry Creswick to export 50 horses in the Diligence of Bristol to Barbadoes or other of the Caribbee Islands.

Oct. 31. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 293.]

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Oct. 31. Harwich. 113. Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Comrs. Desires an order for laying the Hare fire-ship ashore, to search for damage sustained under water whilst upon the Whiting. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. Plymouth. 114. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Damage sustained by the Coventry when driven from her anchors into Catwater. Repairs of the Sorlings and Nightingale. Hears that Capt. Hacket, in the Brother's Friendship, sent out with the Tangiers ships, bound for Lisbon, is returned to Dartmouth, being not permitted to enter Lisbon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. 115. Certificate by Thos. Dunn, surveyor, and Jo. Woodroffe, notary, of the third payment due to Henry and Edmund Edgar, shipwrights, for the frigate now completed at Yarmouth, according to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. The Exchange, Blackwall. 116. Capt. Sam. Wentworth to the Navy Comrs. Certifies that Edw. Seker, his purser, has absented himself from the ship for three weeks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. Dover. 117. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Castle frigate is put to sea after much trouble. A 14-inch cable is demanded for the Golden Phœnix; advises her being recalled to London, to be furnished with anchors, sails, rigging, and men. [*Adm. Paper.*

Oct. 31. Royal James, Buoy of the Nore. 118. J. Pearse to Sam. Pepys. Desires bills for the usual allowance to surgeons put on board several ships, in room of others deceased. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. 119. Capt. Thos. Smith of the Madras to the Navy Comrs. Cannot get above ten men from the Constant Katherine, but expected 40; wants 130 men of his complement; wishes to join the fleet at once. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. Deptford. 120. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Is much hindered in the shipwrights' works for want of bolts; no iron is in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. Deptford. 121. Jonas Shish to Sam. Pepys. The Dutch prize Sevenoaks was injured in the launching, and much damaged in engagements with the English. She must be docked. Repairs of other ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. Woolwich. 7 P.M. 122. Chris. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Cannot complete the St. Paul without more calkers; proposes taking some from Mr. Castell's new ship at Deptford; several other ships are in hand. Has received no orders for fitting out the De Ruyter. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. ? 123. Petition of Edw. Kinge [or Knight] of Ashby-de-la-Laund, co. Lincoln, to the King, for relief. Was summoned by Sir Ant. Oldfield and Sir Rob. Carr, deputy lieutenants of Lincolnshire, to appear before them and sign a bond of 2,000*l.*, and for refusing this, was sent to Lincoln gaol, and there continued, in this time of pesti-

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lence, contrary to law. Has ever been loyal, promoted the Restoration, took the oaths, and was diligent in disbanding the army and navy.

Oct. 124. Petition of Willm. Goffe, prisoner at Northampton, to Lord Arlington, for release on security, and leave to know his accusation, and have his accusers face to face. Was committed by Lord Lieutenant the Earl of Exeter, on suspicion of being a disturber. Has taken the Oath of Allegiance, and endeavoured to show his loyalty by refraining from suspicious company. Is a solicitor-at-law, and chiefly employed by persons eminent for loyalty.

Oct. Oxford. 125. Warrant to Sir John Robinson, lieutenant of the Tower, to permit his prisoner, Lord Morley, to repair to his house in the country, during this dangerous time of sickness, and there to remain under the guard of a warden, on sufficient security for his appearance upon summons.

Oct. Memoranda [by Williamson] from the Signet books of warrants passed during the month, the only uncalendared entry in which is:—

Grant to D. Cox of the office of one of His Majesty's Physicians in ordinary; fee, 100*l.* [*Domestic Corresp., July* 1665, *No.* 132.]

Oct. Woolwich. 126. Peter Russell to the Navy Comrs. The Riga pass hemp is foul, according to the nature of that hemp, but sound and merchantable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 127. Account of eight ships' lading of masts waiting convoy at Gottenburg. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. ? 128. Bill of expenses of an express riding from Oxford to Portsmouth and back; total, 5*l.* 5*s.*

Oct ? 129. Account of the cross roads by which letters are conveyed to the King at Oxford from various ports, so as to avoid passing through London, during the time of this mortality.

Oct. 130. Articles agreed upon between the Duke of Albemarle on the King's behalf, and Sir John Laurence, Lord Mayor of London, and eight others, on behalf of the East India Company, relative to the sale by the company of the goods taken on board the Dutch East India ships Slothany and Golden Phœnix. The company are to advance a third part of the value of the goods at six per cent., to have allowances for expenses, waste, &c., and to be accountable, not to the Exchequer, but to the said Duke, or whomever the King may appoint, &c., &c. [3 *pages.*]

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Nov. 1. 1. Thos. Stradling to Williamson. Has asked Col. Morgan to wait on him when he hears of a vacancy, and begged all his friends to inform him [Williamson] when one occurs. Will perform truly what he has promised.

Nov. 1. Falmouth. 2. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A merchant who had woollen draperies on board and was on the coast of Spain at the time of the King's death, contrived to land some black goods before his 40 days were over, when all his goods were seized, his servant shut up, and he would have been killed had he not fled; a proclamation is issued that no English, Scotch, nor Irish shall have any produce. A Dutch man-of-war took a Falmouth vessel, but set it free, only taking part of the cargo, and sent money for their prisoners in Plymouth; she might have taken three or four more small vessels, but would not.

Nov. 1. Isle of Wight. 3. Col. Walter Slingsby to Williamson. The tempestuous weather has done much mischief at sea. The Dutch are sick of their late rhodomontade. A prize has come in laden with pitch, tar, cable yarn, deals, masts, &c., and pretends to be a Hamburger carrying these goods for the French East India Company. Hopes they may be stopped, being so useful to the country, but wants the sense of the Court. There is a general flame in the breasts of all for a war with France.

Nov. 1. Warrant to pay to Hngh May, paymaster of the works, 305*l.*, in addition to 150*l.* already issued, for making the King's house at Nonsuch fit for the Exchequer, and 300*l.* for repairs of the Duke of Monmouth's lodgings, in the Tennis Court, near Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 1. Norwich. 4. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Fears Mr. Dunn's certificate of payment due to Henry and Edmund Edgar, for the new frigate lately huilt, must be mislaid; begs that hills on their account may be left with Alderman Meynell, payable hy Major Robt. Bendish, treasurer for assessments in Norfolk. Asks what price may be given for the Flemish cordage. Will pay Mr. Stedman the 6*l.* for his journey. Capt. Francis Saunders is appointed to the new ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 1. Bristol. 5. Fra. Baylie to Sam. Pepys. Entreats favour in a bill for 500*l.* drawn on to Sir Geo. Carteret, for completing his frigate now building, which sum he has received from Isaac Morgan, treasurer of customs in Bristol. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 1. Bristol. 6. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Similar letter to the preceding, giving also details of the huilding of the frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 1. The Madras. 7. Capt. Thos. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Has received orders for 40 men out of the East India Merchant; desires 40 more from the Coast frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. Cockpit. 8. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Some person must be sent to Justice Warcup's house, in Durham yard, to receive an

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anchor and other goods purloined out of the prize ships; fitting encouragement should be given to the discoverers. Sir Wm. Coventry thinks the Happy Entrance only fit for a fire-ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. Cockpit. 9. Sir Wm. Clarke to the Navy Comrs. The Duke of York declines to trouble himself about convoy for the Hardreen for Portsmouth; advises that the Earl of Sandwich be applied to. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. Portsmouth. 10. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of what has been done at Portsmouth the two last spring [tides]; weather will not permit the Crown and Reserve to be graved. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

10. I. *List of* 15 *ships* [*sent out from*] *Portsmouth the two last spring tides.*

Nov. 2. The Slothany. 11. Lord Brouncker to Sam. Pepys. Begs suspension of the order for the men of the Constant Katherine to be turned over to the Madras; wants to employ them in unlading the Indian prizes, and Capt. Saunders desires that they may serve with him in the new ship building at Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. Chatham. 12. Thos. Steynes to Sam. Pepys. Is willing to renew his contract upon the former terms; begs an order for some money; is 1,000*l.* out of pocket. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. The Unity, Spithead. 13. Capt. Thos. Trafford to the Navy Comrs. Has been cruising between St. Alban's and Cape la Hogue, but encountered none of the enemy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 2. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay 4,000*l.*, out of the first moneys advanced by the East India Company on two prizes, to Sir George Carteret, for hiring and fitting out two ships for a private service. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 290.]

Nov. 2. Like warrant for 24,000*l.*, for ships and yards at Portsmouth. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 290.]

Nov. 2. Like warrant for 7,000*l.* out of prize money, to slop sellers. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 290.]

Nov. 2. Order to Lord Ashley for 4,000*l.*, out of prize money, to be paid to the privy purse. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 324.]

Nov. 2. Commission for Rich. Paulin to be Ensign to Capt. Alcock. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 90.]

Nov. 2. 14. Memorandum that Major Chas. Kirke prays to succeed Capt. Wm. Tute, deceased, in the reformado pensioner's place at Berwick.

Nov. 2. Southwold Bay. 15. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. There are no vessels nor colliers there; if the Holland fleet were at sea lately, they had wind and rain enough to send them home.

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Nov. 3. Hull. 16. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The weather has prevented vessels putting to sea. The rumour of the Holland fleet being at sea seems only a Presbyterian report. The Merchant Adventurers still beg Lord Arlington's help [about the convoy], for if they do not sail this moon, they will not get into the Elbe this winter.

Nov. 3. Norwich. 17. Willm. Newell to Henry Muddiman, Strand, near the New Exchange, London. Hears from Rochelle that 300 English from Jamaica have turned out the Dutch from St. Eustache, though there was a fort with 450 men. If the Dutch lose a few more small islands, they will not have a foot of ground left in America. Lord Townshend, lieutenant of the county, has settled the militia, and discharged on bond some of those who were secured for frequenting conventicles. Crosmon, a notorious Presbyterian in Suffolk, who has not subscribed to conformity, has been privately ordained by Reynolds, bishop of the diocese. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 3. Plymouth. 18. D. G[rosse] to Henry Muddiman. Five Dutch men-of-war off the Lizard have taken several vessels laden with pilchards, but plundered and then released them, on condition of their paying moneys to the Dutch prisoners at Plymouth. The Dutchmen were bound for the Straits, to join their own fleet, and therefore chose the new practice of ransom. In the late violent storm of eight or ten days, one ship from Virginia was lost and another driven ashore.

Nov. 3. 19. Da. Grosse to Williamson. To the same effect.

Nov. 3. Deal. 20. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. It is reported that two men-of-war, with two merchant ships for Tangiers, are taken by the Dutch. The place still keeps free from the pestilence.

Nov. 3. 21. Memoranda from several letters calendared above and from one dated Dublin, 28 Oct., that the House of Commons are busy enquiring into the late plot.

Nov. 3. Cockpit. 22. Duke of Albemarle to Col. Robt. Sydney. Requests him to recommend Mr. Carey, who has been a lieutenant of foot, for one of the two colours void in his regiment.

Nov. 3 [Oxford.] The King to the East India Company. Being much pressed for the speedy supply of 50,000*l.*, desires them to raise the money with all expedition, as agreed on, upon the two East India prizes, and to pay it to Lord Ashley, treasurer of prize goods, to be by him paid to Sir George Carteret. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 150.]

Nov. 3. 23, 24. Two drafts of the above.

Nov. 3. Warrant for a grant to William Thomas, D.D., of the deanery of Worcester, void by death of Dr. Warmestry. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 289.]

Nov. 3. Declaration of a grant to the inhabitants of the island of Portland. as compensation for the spoil of their commons, of 9*d.* out of every 12*d.* to be paid on every ton of stone dug from the common pasture land and exported, excepting on such stone as is dug by

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warrant of the surveyor of works, for the King's use; they had before 6*d.* of the 12*d.*, but on account of their loyalty, they are now to have 9*d.* [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 292.]

[Nov. 3.] 25. Draft of the above.

[Nov. 3.] 26. List of the sheriffs chosen for the year in the several counties of England and Wales.

Nov. 3. Ordnance Office. 27. Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore to the Navy Comrs. The guns and stores are dispatched for the Satisfaction; did not know the Madras was refitting; desire the gunner may attend with a warrant for her supply; request for the future notice of ships to be speedily fitted for sea, that provision may be made accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 3. Woolwich. 28. Wm. Sheldon to the Navy Comrs. Has not issued petty warrants for prisoners on board the Golden Phœnix or Prince William; but by order of Lord Brouncker has made out warrants for 600 Dutch prisoners for four days, to be sent on board the Slothany. *Encloses,*

28. I. *Wm. Sheldon to Thos. Hayter. Asks him to obtain the Navy Comrs.' pleasure concerning the number of men to be entered on board the ships now bound for sea.*
*Woolwich.*

Nov. 3. Victualling Office. 29. Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. Has been misled by the officers as to the time of discharge of the two victualling ships, Hope pink and Prosperous; begs to know when the victualling vessels are to cease from victualling allowance, as a guide in casting up the books, and whether supernumeraries are to be allowed or not. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

29. I. *Memoranda by Wm. Fownes, that Wm. Mowsley, master of the Prosperous, has receipts for all provisions received from the stores at Deptford, and for a jack; and that David Grant, of the Hope pink, had only two new pinnaces and 12 oars, to be delivered at Harwich, and a jack for his ship.* *Deptford, Nov.* 29, 1665.

Nov. 4. Cockpit. 30. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. The seamen in the Soundings and Channel want clothes. Sir John Skelton writes that a merchant at Plymouth will supply them cheaper and better than in London. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

30. I. *Capt. Robt. Robinson and three others to Sir John Skelton. Entreat that speedy care may be taken for a supply of clothes, or the men must inevitably be exposed to ruin, as none can be had from London, during the contagion.*
*Plymouth, Oct.* 30, 1665.

Nov. 4. Sayes Court. 31. J. Evelyn to [Sam. Pepys]. Asks what to do with those seamen who, from dismemberment and other incurable causes, can never again be fit for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 4 Gravesend. 32. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Is desired by Sir John Griffith, governor of the fort, to give account of the Dutch prisoners on board the Golden Hand; gave petty warrants for the seamen, and distinct warrants for the prisoners, to the number of 171; some being since sent to Leeds Castle, shall make an abatement accordingly; the supply sent from the Victualling Office is defective in weight; hitherto provisions have been bought on shore at the rate of 5*d.* per man per day; the governor begs that the Victualler of the Navy may have orders to pay at the same rate for the seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 4. Greenwich. 33. Warrant from Sam. Pepys as Navy Comr. to the Clerks of the Store and Cheque at Chatham, to receive the timber and plank sent in the Love hoy, from Sherwood, by John Russell, purveyor. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 4. Canterbury. 34. Anth. Cooley to Williamson. Repeats the contents of his letter of October 29, not delivered. That nothing was prosecuted last session against Quakers, Nonconformists, "nor the rest of that diabolical rabble"; there were several indictments, but the bills were not found, because most of the grand jury were fanatics. They meet at Mr. Taylor's, a blind minister, in St. George's parish, Canterbury, and eight other houses of Quakers, Fifth Monarchy men, Presbyterians, &c., in or near Canterbury, and are desperate enemies to the laws, ecclesiastical and civil. A warrant is issued for seizure of Edw. Hurt, an attorney, Rich. Bemister, a surgeon, Wm. Jones, a rumping captain, and four others, for being at a conventicle. Hopes he understands rightly that all Nonconformists in corporations will be disfranchised. One person has died at Canterbury of the plague.

Nov. 4. Chatham. 35. John Conny to Williamson. There is a mutiny amongst 200 or 300 pressed carpenters, calkers, &c., who complain that their tide work is taken away. Hopes the Duke of Albemarle, to whom they will apply, will give them their deserts, if not a halter, a good prison. Admiral Harman's squadron has sailed. Capt. Elliott in the Sapphire has taken several Dutch fishing vessels, and seen several pieces of wrecks of their vessels at sea.

Nov. 4. Sherborne. 36. H. H. to Muddiman or Williamson. The sickness spreads apace; two have died and six or eight are ill; two houses are shut up. Hopes it may stop, so many being removed out of the town, and so much care taken. Wants a catalogue of the sheriffs.

Nov. 4. Oxford. 37. Order for a warrant to pay to Sir Geo. Carteret 694*l.* 2*s.*, for building a mast house at Sheerness and making that place more useful for cleaning of ships. [1¼ *pages.*]

Nov. 4. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 293.]

Nov. 4. Tower. 38. W. Boteler to David Walter, of the King's bedchamber, Oxford. Thanks for Lord Arlington's letter to the Lord General concerning his liberty. Hopes a hearing, and is sure to come off, having given no cause of suspicion. Will live very submissively to government. Begs a line from him.

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Nov. 5. Deal. 39. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Report that 20 Dutch men-of-war were cast away in the late storm, and few of the men saved. There is a rumour that our Tangiers fleet is taken; hopes it is a Dutch trick.

Nov. 5. Portsmouth. 40. Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. Entreats support at this "nick of time" to preserve her credit from utter desolation. Has 10,000*l.* to pay, and not 600 pence to do it with. Her agents at Rouen, taking alarm from the plague and rumour of war, have tumbled all their bills in at once. Col. Reymes has an order from Sir Geo. Carteret for 10,000*l.* on the Chamber of London, but Mr. Hornby has no money to meet it, nor will he procure credit to advance it, though offered 12 per cent.; beseeches payment for half the money due to her from the Board, offering to forbear the rest, if possible, a little longer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6. Bristol. 41. Certificate by Iseburn Holland of the progress of the new ship building by Fr. Baylie. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6. Bristol. 42. Fr. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Requests a bill payable to Sir Geo. Carteret, for payment, according to contract, for the frigate now building. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6. Dover. 43. Account by Thos. White of moneys disbursed, and stores delivered for graving, tallowing, and refitting ships with boatswain and carpenter's supplies, since September 29: total, 119*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6. Chatham. 44. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Knows not of any merchant ships idling away their time whilst in service. Reed and broom are wanted; if hemp be not supplied within three days, the ropemakers must stand still or be discharged. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6. Oxford. 45. John Shale to Sam. Pepys. His employment is to be determined by Sir Wm. Coventry, without his own choice; will be glad if it fall at Portsmouth; if with the Lords, it will be a means to advance their intentions for him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6. Ordnance Office. 46. Edw. Sherburn and Jonas Moore to the Navy Comrs. The Satisfaction is fitted with stores. The Duke of Albemarle refuses to give a warrant for the Madras, having heard that all merchant ships are to be discharged. Ask what ships are to be continued at sea for the winter guard, so as to have all things in readiness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 6. Oxford. 47. Petition of the Clerks of the Carriages and the Cart-takers to the King; for power to levy and collect the fines of 40*s.*, laid by Act of Parliament on such as refuse to provide necessary carriages for His Majesty's removals, so as to perform their service better and save the charge of hiring. With reference thereon to the Attorney-General.

Nov. 6. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 189.]

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Nov. 6. 48. Dean Gny Carleton to [Williamson]. Details the Bishop of Durham's transactions on the King's commission relating to Sir Hen. Vane's estates in Barnard Castle and Raby. On his coming to the bishopric, he sued the tenants for the arrears dne, causing great scandal. When he heard that the estates were to be seized for the Duke of York, he put soldiers into Raby Castle to keep it, having first removed all the goods and animals. He forbade any tenants to attend a court kept by the King's receiver at Barnard Castle, yet kept no court himself. He refused to impannel a jury to sit on the commission sent down by the King, giving to the disaffected party the bad example of contempt of anthority. The High Sheriff readily returned a gallant jury, hut the advanced term and fear of infection in London prevented the return at the time mentioned in the commission. Begs aid for John Ellerington, beaten, imprisoned, and almost starved by Sir Hen. Widdrington, who is unworthy of his knighthood. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 6. Lynn. 49. Edw. Bodham to [Williamson]. One vessel is taken, and another chased by the Dutch. This is the first collier, ont of 60 or 70 belonging to the town, taken by the Dutch. The plague has been eight weeks in the town, and 22 have died, bnt none this week.

Nov. 6. Lancaster Castle. 50. Evan Price to the King. Offers him his best dnty and service. If admitted to his presence, could inform him of a fire kindling, which should be quenched before it grows to a flame.

Nov. 6. 51, 52. Lists [sent by Col. Bullen Reymes to Lord Arlington] of 117 Dutch prisoners at Badleigh and 141 at Woodbridge. Two papers. [6 *pages.*]

Nov. 6. Burgh. 53. Chr. Harrison to [Earl of Carlisle?] The man who supplied the place of the postmaster at Brough, during the suspension of the latter, asks 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, being the same proportion as the postmaster receives, at 50*l.* the year. Endorsed "From the E. of Carlisle."

Nov. 7. Plymouth Fort. 54. Thos. Povey to Williamson. Has applied himself to the service, and though tired with a trotting crash over a rugged country, has written a report to Sir Thos. Ingram. Asks a line and the forwarding of his letters.

Nov. 7. Newcastle. 55. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The town continues healthy, though another house is infected. A fleet of 240 colliers, most of them stout ships, is about to sail.

Nov. 7. Warrant to John Sumners, messenger, to apprehend Samuel Wilson, merchant of London, and bring him before Council. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 293.]

[Nov. 7.] 56. Another minute of the above.

Nov. 7. Portsmouth. 57. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Mrs. Pley wants to know whether her parcel of small canvas is accepted, and reqnests a speedy answer to her son's letter. *Encloses,*

57. 1. *Geo. Pley, [jun.,] to Bullen Reymes, M.P., Oxford. Has read the King and the Lord Chancellor's speeches to both Houses*

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*of Parliament; the French vapour terribly of what they intend doing, threatening to clip the English trade to their utmost power. An opportunity offers to send over canvas, yarn, and hemp, by means of a small vessel lately driven upon the rocks, which is permitted to receive help from other boats, and consequently communication; she must not wait for convoy. News from Marseilles that Mons. De Beaufort has taken and sunk another rich English merchantman in the Straits.* *St. Malo, Nov.* 4, 1665.

Nov. 7. 58. Lord Brouncker to Sam. Pepys. Has desired Comr. Pett to put the enclosed account in writing; recommends the Board to redress the grievance speedily; whether Mr. Hannch be a fit person, or the limitation sufficient, is left for consideration to the Board. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

58. 1. *Comr. Peter Pett to Lord Brouncker. Complains of the sad condition of Chatham, by increase of sickness, occasioned by the multitudes of sick and wounded sent from the fleet, and of recovered seamen sent from all parts to find their ships; many of them have so small a conduct allowance, only* 1*s.* 6*d. or* 2*s. from remote places like Ipswich, &c., as to be obliged to sell their rags to keep themselves from starving. Begs an order to Mr. Haunch, of Chatham, to view all certificates brought by these men, and allow them money for present relief, till they can be sent on board their ships: also that those pronounced unfit for the winter's service may be discharged by ticket.* [1½ *pages.*] *Chatham, Nov.* 2, 1665.

Nov. 7. Greenwich. 59. Robt. Newton to Sam. Pepys. Wishes, on account of ill health, to resign his office of purser to the De Ruyter in favour of Alexander Curtis, now purser of the Hamburg Merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 7. Plymouth Fort. 60. Sir John Skelton to Sam. Pepys. Has spoken with a merchant, and some of the commanders of the western squadron, about providing clothes for the men; the merchant will give an exact account of his proposals in a fortnight. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 7. St. Maria, Buoy of the Nore. 61. Capt. Fr. Steward to the Navy Comrs. Wrote an account of his surgeon's death four days after it happened. Did not write to the wardens of Surgeons' Hall, but recommended Edw. Morgion to apply for the vacant place; had the chest viewed and appraised by the surgeons of the Great James and Diamond; begs consideration for the widow of the late surgeon, whose chest was made use of till the 19th of October all on board are well, except some cases of cold and ague. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 8. Lydney. 62. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Is unable to proceed with the new ship for want of timber carriage; has given Mr. Bailey notice of what is expected from him by his contract; he will do

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what can be done to hasten the work, as if his life lay at stake. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 8. 63. Certificate, by Capt. Wm. Badiley and five others, of the fitness of Richard Pattell to serve as boatswain; with note by Sir Wm. Clarke that the Duke of York refuses to grant warrants to any boatswain unless recommended by the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 8. Plymouth. 64. D. G[rosse] to Henry Muddiman. A Dutch caper took another small pilchard vessel, plundered her of all, even to sails and cables, and left her, but she managed to get safe to Salcombe; she saw 18 Dutch men-of-war with the caper. Several vessels detained by the wind will now sail to their stations.

Nov. 8, Isle of Wight. 65. Col. Walter Slingsby to Williamson. The storm has involved the island in melancholy and silence. Hopes the contents of the prize he named will be borrowed for the King's Navy stores, if she is not condemned. There was a false alarm of the Dutch landing, but the advantage was gained of discovering what the islanders could do in such a case; some in ill humour laid hands on Lord Colepeper's bridle, and wished for him (the writer) among them. The fanatics are so industrious to give the Dutch reputation, that they will have spread the report to Edinburgh by this time. Wishes to have the raising of the horse, if any are needed there.

Nov. 8. 66. Memoranda from letters of news, calendared under their respective dates.

Nov. 8. Privy seal for 1,000*l.* to Robert Southwell, for secret services. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 294.]

Nov. 8. Oxford. Declaration of the King's promise to allow defalcation from the rent to be paid by Sir Nicholas Crisp, and three others, for certain alum mines, works, &c., in case others shall be allowed to enter into that business, and thus the price of alum be brought lower than 26*l.* the ton; and order to the Exchequer to allow of such defalcations. [*Ent. Book* 14, *pp.* 70–1.]

Nov. 8. Oxford. Sec. Morice to the Lieutenant of the Tower. The King wished him to liberate Lord Morley, on his own bond in 2,000*l.* and two others in 1,000*l.* each, for his appearance on summons; meanwhile, a warder in the Tower is to wait constantly on him. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 72.]

Nov. 9. Tower. 67. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Thanks for his letter received when Capt. Cock and Sir George Smith were dining with him. Wishes he had met Williamson at Farming Woods, but hopes his servants treated him well. Has written an account of the garrison to Lord Arlington. When they fall sick, they are sent to places provided, or the Tower could not have been inhabited. Is well, with all his family, almost beyond expectation. Is one of the East India Company to whom the King's desire about the two East India prizes was communicated. Will be very zealous therein. Has been present at a survey of the ship London made at Deptfor

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and will take care that all goes on well with it. Wants a commission for Rob. Baxter, recommended by the Lord General, to succeed his ensign, who is dead of consumption.

Nov. 9. Tower. 68. Capt. George Cock to Williamson. Dined with the Lieutenant of the Tower who received his letter; poor cavaliers can live on spare diet, yet hopes to be remembered. Is surprised at his quarrel with Matt. Wren on trifles.

Nov. 9. Oxford. 69. Lord Arlington to Lord Widdrington, [governor of Berwick]. The Quakers and other sectaries have been more than usually insolent on the borders of Scotland; the Lord Commissioner intends to suppress them, but may lack prisons; he is therefore to receive into the town gaol any, especially English, sent there for attending unlawful meetings, and to use great vigilance and circumspection in a matter which disturbs public quiet.

Nov. 9. Ravenscroft. 70. Examination of Thos. Croxton, of Ravenscroft, Cheshire, before Sir Phil. Egerton and Thos. Cholmondeley. Gives particulars of his correspondence in London, which is all about suits in law that he has there. Has no correspondence with Cols. John Duckenfield, Danvers, Barrow, nor with any suspected person; is privy to no plot, and has received no commission.

Nov. 9. 71. Memoranda from letters already calendared, also from the following:—

Yarmouth, Nov. 6: The eastern coast is clear of the Dutch; a seaman of the town taken prisoner by the Dutch, escaped from Horne with 27 of his companions; the pretended Stockholm prize was plundered by the seamen in the port; 19 died of the plague last week at Norwich and 22 at Yarmouth.

The West, Nov. 6: Seamen are dissatisfied with want of pay and ill diet; there are murmurings among the kersey and stuff manufacturers; the plague increases at Sherborne by assemblies at burials.

Nov. 9. Canterbury. 72. Anth. Cooley to Williamson. Is told that if his letters miscarry, he may gain the enemy advantage, instead of the King. The town is much pestered with Nonconformists, who disquiet church and state. Two persons have died of the plague this week, through their own covetousness, one in posting to London and bringing down goods from infected places, and the other in sending for goods. Has to pay for the letters which he sends and receives, and has bad language to boot.

Nov. 9. Cockpit. 73. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. The bills of mortality almost employ the press; there was an increase this week but there are hopes that the plague will decrease next, and that the King may keep his Christmas at Hampton Court, if not at Whitehall. Hopes Capt. Harman or the Smyna or East India ships will bring a supply of masts, which are much wanted. Lord Herbert sends thanks for the care of his warrant. *Encloses,*

73. I. *Bill of mortality for Norwich, Oct.* 24–31: *burials* 42, 19 *being of the plague.*

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73. II. *Bill of mortality for Yarmouth, Oct. 27 to Nov. 3: burials 37, 22 being of the plague.*

73. III. *Bill of mortality for Yarmouth, Nov. 3–10: burials 31, 18 of the plague.*

Nov. 9. Oxford. Warrant to Sir Phil. Frowde to allow to Thomas Parnell, postmaster to the Court, 48*l.* 10*s.*, for extraordinary service since September 29, 1665, the same to be deducted from his post office account. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 311.]

Nov. 9. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay to Hugh May 1,000*l.* out of the sale of prizes, for carrying on the buildings at Greenwich [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 323.]

Nov. 9. Plymouth. 74. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered to fit out the Dutch man-of-war brought in by the Elizabeth; cannot do so without a supply of junk and port-rope; particulars of ships in dock; canvas is very dear; Mr. Povey has arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. London. 75. John Bowles to Sam. Pepys. As to the complaint from Gravesend concerning the victualling of Dutch prisoners on board the Golden Hand, the warrant for 171 men for five days was complied with, abating a sixth part, according to orders received from the Navy Comrs.; was not aware that Mr. Hosier had made the abatement beforehand; the bread being wet was an accident; cannot account for the deficient weight of the pork. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 9. Cockpit. 76. Sir Wm. Clarke to [Sam. Pepys]. Recommends Thos. Matthews to a carpenter's place, whenever an opportunity offers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. Cockpit. 77. Sir Wm. Clarke to [Sam. Pepys]. Requests that James Bevins, seaman on the Leopard, may receive a ticket for the time he has been already on board her. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. Portsmouth. 78. Sir Wm. Berkeley to Sam. Pepys. By mistake two pursers are appointed to the Kent; begs that Wilkinson's bond may be cancelled, and Rivers, whose warrant is from the Duke of York, be appointed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. Woolwich. 79. Certificate by Chris. Pett and two others of repairs needed for the Bear. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. Deptford. 80. Anthony Stephens to Thos. Hayter. Want of money has put business in some disorder; cannot at present render an account of payments. Has received 14,500*l.* and 746*l.* from the Farmers of Customs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 9. Portsmouth. 81. G. Maddocke to [Pepys?] Capt. Beale has given so much satisfaction in discharging the duty committed to him that he is to be appointed again when occasion requires. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 10. Portsmouth. 82. Account by St. J. Steventon and Ben. Johnson, of provisions delivered from the stores since August 12, 1664, for the use of the mast dock; the wages of the workmen employed therein amount to 92*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 10. Portsmouth. 83. B. Waith to the Navy Comrs. They have arrived safely at Portsmouth with the money; the Kent and Antelope, bound for Tangiers, are to be paid first; clerks must be hastened down to assist; asks who is to govern him as a principal officer in the management of the pay. In 10 days 14 sail more will be ready for pay, and those who remain in harbour should have money for clothes against winter. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 10. Woolwich. 84. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Cannot get men to work upon the Little Prince, on account of the infection on board; has ordered the ship to be cleaned, and pitch and tar burnt between decks; particulars of various ships; begs consideration for Peter Warner, shipwright, who refused to take his quarter's pay at the pay-table, but upon better advice, will be thankful to receive it, his family being now visited with the plague. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 10. 85. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Forgets the particulars of the distribution agreed upon; begs a copy of the agreement. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 10. The Nightingale, Plymouth. 86. Capt. Rich. Long to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered to take in three months' provisions; repairs of the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. ? Whitehall. 87. Petition of Sir Thos. Gower, Bart., to the King, for payment of a debt of 2,250*l.*, lent to the late King when marching from York against the rebels, and when many others refused to lend, which act was acknowleged in Council as an essential service, and payment promised; also advanced 1,200*l.* for raising and arming 1,000 dragoons; rose against Lambert in Yorkshire; aided the Duke of Albemarle, and had the usual payment of wounds and imprisonments. Was high sheriff of Yorkshire when the late King was there, and was disallowed all payments made by his command, and compelled to pay large sums for matters legally done in that office.

Nov. 10. Warrant to pay to Sir T. Gower 2,250*l.* of the King's free-gift, for his many faithful services. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 295.]

[Nov. 10.] 88. Draft of the above.

Nov. 10. Oxford. Order to Edward Prescot and John Smith, jun., to come over from the island of Teneriffe by the speediest passage possible, to answer interrogatories before the Council about misdemeanour in disobedience to the Charter granted to the Canary Company. With note that a duplicate thereof was made. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 295.]

Nov. 10. Warrant for a grant to Maurice Deladale of the office of Housekeeper of Windsor Castle, void by death of Fras. Young. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 296.]



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[Nov. 10.] 89. Minute of the preceding, giving the name of the former keeper as George Young.

Nov 10. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay to Thos. Chiffinch 3,252*l.* out of the sale of prizes, to be employed by the King's directions. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 297.]

Nov. 10. The King to [the Governors of Sutton's Hospital]. Recommends Oliver Paulet for admission as a scholar on the next vacancy, on account of the services of his father to the late King and his present necessities. [*Ent. Book* 19, *p.* 50.]

Nov. [10.] 90. Draft of the above.

Nov. 10. Oxford. Proclamation forbidding the keeping of Boston fair, co. Lincoln, for fear of speading the plague. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II.*, *p.* 204.]

Nov. 10. Plymouth Fort. 91. Thos. Povey to Williamson. Finds great grief and discontent by the loss of the [Tangiers] fleet, and the increase of the plague. Provisions being short, has ventured, without powers, in the extremity, to buy 50 tons of rice, which is ready to be shipped, and has got money to buy corn in Cornwall. Proceeds by advice of Sir John Skelton, who has received him into his family. When the provisions have sailed, will make a progress in the country thereabouts. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 10. Plymouth. 92. Wm. Yeomans to Williamson, at Lord Arlington's office, Oxford. Will pay 200*l.* to Mr. Povey as ordered. Has had little company, and the charge is great. People will not venture with him. Wishes either to be ordered to go to places which will be of benefit to Williamson, or to be sent for home.

Nov. 10. 93. H. O—— to Williamson. Thinks the report of the Jewish King's turning Turk is false. Letters from Smyrna import that the King was gone from Gallipoli to the Grand Seignior at Adrianople, but being taken with fear by the way, turned Turk to escape danger. The Jews do not believe this, but are confident the work will go on. It was before thought that it would cost him his life if he went to the Grand Seignior, but as he has been received with all honor, some consider he must be turned Turk. Has had a letter from Hevelius full of philosophical news; invites him to Gresham College, on Wednesday, if he wish to share in it.

Nov. 10. Hull. 94. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The Dutch ships have returned to their own country. The Swedes, in their march to join the Bishop of Munster, have taken a considerable town from the Dutch. A new general has arrived at Ostend from Spain. Arrival and departure of ships. There is a general outcry against the Excise Officers, for employing none but the King's implacable enemies, who try to disaffect the common people, and thus those in the North are so exasperated that they only wait a good opportunity to cut their opponents' throats. The Hamburg merchants are anxious about their convoy.

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Nov. 11. Newcastle. 95. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. They are free from all infectious disease but the small-pox. Gets a copy of the news from Mr. Swan.

Nov. 11. Falmouth. 96. Tho. Holden to James Hickes. At Milbrook there has been an abundance of ravens croaking about the town. The oldest people say it has been so before when there was a great plague, so that they are much troubled, fearing the like again. The Joseph of London, that was bound for Lisbon, is to return to London. Is sorry for the news of the Tangiers fleet.

Nov. 11. 97. News from [Ipswich]. A fleet of 100 Newcastle colliers has passed for London; 30 Ipswich vessels joined them, but 50 vessels still remain in Ipswich, and will wait till those are unladen and disposed of, when they think they shall get their own price for the coals.

Nov. 11. 98. News from Bristol. A Dutch man-of-war has been driven into Milford and has surrendered herself; 30 merchant ships have sailed for the West Indies, and half as many more will follow next week. Off the West coast are quantities of ship tackling, masts, &c., of Dutch vessels which are lost rather than choose our ports, and many bodies of Dutchmen are washed ashore.

Nov. 11. 99. Christopher Welborn to John Arforth of Wapping. Account of burials in four parishes [of Newcastle-upon-Tyne?] during the week, 19 in all, of which 14 are of small-pox.

Nov. 11. Shrubland Hall. 100. J. Knight to Williamson. Is hastening to court, notwithstanding the dangerous illness of Sir. Wm. Doyley.

Nov. 11. 101. Capt. George Cock to Williamson. Recommends to him George Blake who knows more of the customs of England than any man living, and may serve him or Lord Arlington, when two years more are expired.

Nov. 11. Oxford. 102. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to furnish to the Navy Comrs. five prize ships to fetch coal from Newcastle, as there was great distress in London last year for want of coal.

Nov. 11. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 299.]

Nov. 11. Oxford. 103. Lord Arlington to the Justices of Peace, &c. of Dorsetshire. Some houses at Sherborne being infected, and great care required to prevent the plague spreading, the postmaster is to remove to some neighbouring town, clear of infection. They are to suffer quiet passage to the horse and foot posts employed by him, or, if there should be jealousy of infection, at least the watchmen at the entrance to towns are to be allowed to bring in the packets, that the correspondence of the country may not be interrupted. With notes of a like letter to the Justices of Somersetshire, and of a letter to require the postmaster to remove from Sherborne.

Nov. 11. Entry of the above letter. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 304.]

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Nov. 11. Oxford. 104. Lord Arlington to Mr. Bennet, postmaster of Sherborne. Writes him to remove the Sherborne post office to some place in the neighbourhood, as houses near to his are visited with the sickness. Has ordered the justices, &c., of Dorsetshire and Somersetshire to allow the watchmen to receive the packets sent by his horse and foot posts, and bring back others, till the visitation be removed from the town. Begs him to be very wary and careful to prevent the spreading of the contagion.

Nov. 11. Durham Yard. 105. Justice Edmond Warcup to Ed. [Sam.?] Pepys. Has delivered a cable and other stores to Peter Rowley; the discoverers are to receive a reward; their charges amount to 20*l.* Capt. Chappell will satisfy the discoverers, if the Commissioners will restore the cable, or buy it of him. This information clears Sir Wm. Batten's secretary from scandal. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

105. I. *Information of John Chappell, commander of the Young Prince, before Justice Warcup. Took the St. Paul of Amsterdam on Sept. 9, but fired her, because she was so maimed, keeping only her boat and cable. The Navy Comrs. bought the boat; requested Mr. Gistrap, Sir Wm. Batten's secretary, to offer them the cable, being the informant's lawful prize. Westminster, Nov. 10, 1665.*

Nov. 11. 106. Memorandum of how the 100,000*l.* received of the East India Company is to be disposed of, for the use of the navy and Tangiers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 12. Chatham. 107. Certificate by Capt. John Cox that he found and staved seven tuns of stinking beer on board the Resolution. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 12. Oxford. 108. Robt. Southwell to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Shale intends to come to him to obtain some allowance for the great charge lately laid upon his hands, in carrying on the accounts of the Commissioners for Prizes, and reviewing and correcting the past ones, which are much perplexed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 12. Portsmouth. 109. J. Pearse to Sam. Pepys. Has much trouble to get the surgeons' wants supplied. Requests that a waggon may be sent down with medicines. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 12. 110. List of 21 ships at Portsmouth, requiring the surgeons' stores recruiting, as demanded by Mr. Pearse. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 12. The Coventry, Plymouth Sound. 111. Capt. Wm. Hill to Sam. Pepys. Did not appropriate the master's chest taken from John Gerardine's vessel, for which the Duke of Albemarle threatens to stop his pay; only had it awhile at his house, and returned it on demand. Entreats not to be condemned before heard. Is ordered to convoy vessels into the Downs. Intends leaving a present there for him [Pepys]. Begs pardon for the sauciness of the thing; is confident his lady will be highly pleased with it, the fellow of it having been sent to the

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Duchess of Albemarle from the Governor of Guernsey, as a rare gift. Begs to be transferred from Capt. Robinson's station in the Soundings to Capt. Pett's between Guernsey and the Lizard Point. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Nov. 12. Portsmouth. 112. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Sends the names of ships suitable to be fitted up for present service. Much work is required on them. Never saw ships so badly officered; has turned out three boatswains, and must do the same to three more, before they set sail. The Hardreen stays for convoy; having treasure on board, it will not be safe to send her without. A small Hamburg ship was brought into Cowes Road, laden with masts, anchors, yarn, and other materials, bound for France. A mutiny arising in the yard for want of money, seized a good cudgel out of the hands of one of the men, and took more pains in the use of it than in any business for the last 12 months; clapped three others in the stocks for some hours, and from thence to prison, where they still continue. Has not been troubled since. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

112. I. *List of 34 English and 5 Dutch ships at Portsmouth, ready to be fitted for service, with 4 merchantmen and a ketch; also of 24 other vessels, at or expected at Spithead, and to be ready this or next spring* [*tide*]. [2 *pages.*] *Nov.* 12, 1665.

Nov. 12. Hull. 113. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Two Ostenders have sailed, and two colliers come up from Newcastle.

Nov. 12. Deal. 114. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Sent his packet to the governor of Deal Castle, who thereupon ordered the gunners to shoot a gun if any ship sailed; two ships were sailing and two guns were shot, but they would not stay; 30 sail of ships went westward yesterday; two fire-ships have brought sick men bound for Portsmouth. No pest is in the town, but it increases at Sandwich.

Nov. 12. Pendennis. 115. Fras. Bellott to James Hickes. Will gladly correspond with him weekly. The two French men-of-war for Martinique have sailed. There is a sad report of the loss of the Tangiers fleet.

Nov. 12. Warrant from Lord Arlington that the King being pleased to continue Renaldo Knapton as keeper of the gaol for Dorsetshire, the late sheriff is to deliver His Majesty's letter thereon to Roger Clavell, present sheriff. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 305.]

Nov. 13. Henry [Lord Arlington] to the Mayor and Justices of Abingdon. They are to prohibit divers barges, boats, &c., coming from London, laden with goods, to advance further than that town, or to unlade there, until it shall appear to the Council that the goods do not come from any infected place, lest, by their advancing to [Oxford] the safety of that city and the King's person might be endangered. With note of a like letter to the Justices about Burket. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 299.]

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Nov. 13. Oxford. 116. Warrant to pay to Sir George Downing, Bart., 5,000*l.*, towards the maintenance of English subjects taken prisoners by the Dutch. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 13? 117. Draft of an additional clause for allowance to be made to him from the said sum, for expenses in exchanging and transporting the said prisoners, and other necessary expenses, including the appointment of a clerk.

Nov. 13. Broad Merston. 118. Hugh Hodges to Williamson. Is not four miles from Sherborne, because the sickness continues there, but has ordered his letters to be forwarded. Wants the abstract of the new Act concerning the plague; 10 or 11 more have died in Sherborne, and four houses are shut up.

Nov. 13. Yarmouth. 119. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The bailiffs have agreed to give 150*l.* instead of 40*l.* to Dr. Gadford's widow. Three of the men that plundered the prize taken by the privateer are sent to prison. Sir Thos. Meadowes is repairing the fort at the haven's mouth, and hopes to be governor of it, boasting how much the King loves and honours him.

Nov. 13. Dover. 120. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Sends two packets of Flanders mails. Always feared a loss at Nieuport and has now lost a ketch coming out thence. Wants an order to send to Ostend, being resolved, if possible, to venture no more by Nieuport.

Nov. 13. Chatham. 121. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. It is resolved by the Council of War that all large ships be refitted at Sheerness. Oars are wanted. Hopes to get the Sovereign to her moorings in two days. Wishes the ropemakers could be relieved. Proposes the discharge of all insufficient watermen and disabled soldiers. *Encloses,*

121. I. *Petition of the company of Ropemakers impressed at Chatham to the Navy Comrs., for the receipt of board wages weekly, being six weeks behind, and unable to obtain credit.* *Nov.* 11, 1665.

121. II. *Tender of oars and balks by Edw. Whitton.* *Rochester, Nov.* 11, 1665.

Nov. 13 Plymouth Fort. 122. Sir John Skelton to Sam. Pepys. The merchant undertaking to supply seamen's clothes still holds to his agreement, and hopes to give better content than the slopsellers in London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 13. Bristol. 123. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Cannot proceed upon the new ship for want of carriage of timber. Mr. Baylie's ship cannot be in the water before March. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 13. Maryland Merchant, Blackwall. 124. Wm. Davies to Sam. Pepys. Awaits orders. Has had much sickness on board since last fitting out in July, but only eight are dead; is now on petty warrant, sea provisions being ended. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 13. Woolwich. 125. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Account of ships arrived in harbour for refitting; renews his entreaties that Peter Warner may receive his quarter's payment, so ill advisedly refused at the pay-table. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 13. 126. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Is not in a capacity, unless supplied with money, to make the provision necessary upon the last declaration, in such a time of action as the present; has represented the great want of staves for casks, and the impossibility of procuring fish, yet receives no orders nor supplies of money, but on the contrary, complaints; oatmeal in lieu of fish is refused by the pursers; pork is complained of merely because known to be French; on examination of the stores and daily issues, finds that there will not be sufficient to answer the present expense much longer. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Nov. 13. 127. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Will use all diligence in dispatching the Tangiers ships for the convoy. Hopes sufficient ships will be laden at Plymouth to put the place out of danger. In future care must be taken to prevent hazards and the hurrying away of provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 13. Royal Charles. 128. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Desires that the seven cables brought by the Bachelor for the service may be delivered into the stores at Deptford or Woolwich. Wants 2,000 tickets. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. 129. Capts. James Blake and John Perriman to Sir Wm. Batten. Ask whether their ships are discharged from the service, and themselves free to undertake any other employment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. 130. Deposition of Jos. Middleton before Philip Parker. Heard John Browne of Harwich, master of the stores, confess that he knew where divers cables, anchors, and other stores, embezzled from the King's ships and prize ships, were privily laid in storehouses. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. London. 131. Ant. Stephens to Sam. Pepys. Capt. Kingdon of the Custom House has received no money on account of the East India prize goods. Asks instructions concerning the money payable by Mr. Griffin at the Navy Office. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. Edwinstow, Sherwood Forest. 132. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Account of timber laden in the Black Dog and Adam and Eve; the latter vessel is not long enough to carry the large and compas timber. Requests orders to the masters for the better stowage of the hoys. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

132. I. *Invoice of 36 loads of timber sent from Stockwith in the Black Dog.* *November* 11, 1665.

132. II. *Invoice of 41 loads of timber sent from Stockwith in the Adam and Eve.* *November* 11, 1665.

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Nov. 14. Cockpit. 133. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Two men are appointed as cook to the House de Swede. Desires another place for one of them. There is a great decrease in the mortality; only 57 died in Westminster during the past week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. Blackwall. 134. Henry Johnson and Fr. Barham to the Navy Comrs. Beg a supply of money for completion of the new third-rate frigate now building. Out of 3,950*l.* due, have received but 750*l.* Are obliged to take up money at large rates per cent. Unless speedy payment be made, must decline any further proceedings in the work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 14. Oxford. 135. Warrant for a grant in reversion to George, son of Sir George Downing, Bart., of a Tellership in the Exchequer, to take place after previous grants to Sir Thos. Clifford and —— Vernon, and on determination of the offices of the four present tellers. [1½ *pages.*]

[Nov. 14.] 136, 137. Two drafts of the above.

Nov. 14. Plymouth. 138. Da. Grosse to Williamson. Arrival and departure of vessels. The Richmond has convoyed several colliers from Wales, and brought in a Dunkirk prize. The Pearl and Little Gift are convoying to the Soundings three ships bound for Virginia.

Nov. 14. 139. Mary Knight to Williamson. Sends an account of deaths in Ipswich during the week: 60 burials, 34 being of the plague; decrease in burials 15, in the plague 6.

Nov. 14. Plymouth. 140. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. There are three frigates in the port. The western parts are free from contagion.

Nov. 14. Hull. 141. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. It is reported that there are 16 Holland vessels on the Dover sands, off from the Texel.

Nov. 14. Newcastle. 142. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. Newcastle is healthy and also Berwick. The rest of the fleet has gone to sea.

Nov. 14. Deal. 143. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Arrival of ships. Governor Titus has gone to Hertfordshire and thence to Court. Fears his absence will be a great damage.

Nov. 14. Southwould. 7 A.M. 144. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. No men-of-war have been seen lately. The boats are taking good store of sprats and fresh fish.

Nov. 14. Cockpit. 145. Sir Willm. Clarke to Williamson. Will gladly cast a mite into the ocean of his intelligence. The sickness decreased much last week, only 56 dying at Westminster. The French King has ordered M. De Beaufort to visit all English ships and bring those which trade for Barbary and others to Toulon for examination. They (the French) went out in three squadrons to meet the four ships that are at Smyrna. A prohibition is published, ordering no French ships to leave for England, Scotland, or Ireland, on pain of confiscation or

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ships and goods. There are seven sail more to convoy the Hamburg merchantmen thither and bring back navy stores. Mr. Gilthorpe, the picture drawer, is dead.

Nov. 14. York. 146. Walter Strickland to Williamson. Little was done at the assizes about the coiners, but some have died and some are fined. All those at Carlisle were fined, but these fines should not be begged. Two coiners are in prison untried, and Mr. Benson, clerk of the assizes, intends to obtain their pardon. Begs him to stop any such thing, as they are very considerable.

Nov. 14. 147–149. Lists [sent by Col. Bullen Reymes to Lord Arlington] of 859 Dutch prisoners at Sudbury, Suffolk; 349 at Colchester, Essex; and 59 at Ipswich. Three papers. [28 *pages.*]

Nov. 14. Oxford. The King to Sir Bernard De Gomme. He is to attend when required, to give assistance to Visct. Fanshaw, Lords Allington and Gorges, and five others, commissioned to consider the making the River Cam navigable, and to see whether that or some other river thereabout may not be connected with the Thames. With note of a like letter to Jonas Moore. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 151.]

Nov. [14]. 150. Draft of the above letter to Sir Bernard De Gomme.

Nov. 14. The King to the Mayor of Ipswich. Is informed that many coal ships bound from Newcastle to London stay in that port, whereby the price of coals in London is raised, and advantage given to the Dutch this war. Instructs him to order the instant departure of all such vessels, and to give in the names of those who fail to obey. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 152.]

[Nov. 14.] 151. Draft of the above.

[Nov. 14.] 152. Memorandum for Lord Arlington that the King should write the above letter, with address for Sir George Downing, East Hatley, co. Cambridge.

Nov. 14. The King to Visct. Fanshaw, Lord Allington, and others. They are, with Sir Bernard De Gomme, chief engineer, Jonas Moore, and others skilled in such matters, to examine how the River Cam, or any other near, may be brought to join the Weer and fall into the Thames, and whether the Cam could not be made navigable higher than Cambridge, it being very desirable to bring rivers from cos. Cambridge, Huntingdon, and Norfolk to fall into the Thames. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 153.]

[Nov. 14.] 153. Draft of the above.

Nov. 14. Oxford. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to confirm a contract between the Duke of Albemarle and the East India Company for purchase by the latter of the two prize ships, Slothany and Golden Phœnix, and also to empower the said Duke to nominate persons to receive the money for the said prizes. [*Ent. Book* 22, *pp.* 300–1.]

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Nov. 14. Commission for George Trip to be Ensign to Col. Ch. Wheeler's company in Col. John Russell's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 92.]

Nov. 14. London. 154. Nath. Herne to [Williamson?] The East India Company are to dispose of the Dutch India goods and furnish the King with money, which will save him 50 per cent. The Court is troubled at the miscarriage of the Tangiers ships, and hopes it will not prejudice the garrison, which was straitened before, and could have no credit. M. Beaufort has a commission to seize all English ships, on the fine pretence of seeing whether they are bound for Barbary, and bring them to Toulon, whence it is difficult to get them. The French have sent out three squadrons in search of our four Smyrna ships. Wishes the ministers of state knew the dishonour done to the bills of the Governor of Tangiers. There is a decrease of 428 in the burials this week.

Nov. 14. Plymouth Fort. 155. Thos. Povey to [Williamson]. Is still ordered to apply to Sir J. Ingram as counsellor for the interests of Tangiers. Thanks for the credit for 100*l.* Has given it to Mr. Gauden's agent to pay the baker, who will not heat his oven without money. The [Commissioners] at Plymouth wish to be removed to a fresh quarter, finding nothing there to encourage them.

Nov. 14 156. List of 76 grants, bills, &c., signed by the King, Oct. 24, 25, and 31; and Nov. 3, 10, and 14. [3 *pages.*]

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Nov. 15. York. 1. Jon. Mascall to James Hickes. Hopes to be serviceable to Williamson. York is yet free from pestilential disease.

Nov. 15. Oxford. 2. The Council to the Earl of Derby. Are informed by himself, as chamberlain of the county palatine of Chester, and by the deputy lieutenants, justices of peace, &c., that the castle of Chester is in a ruinous condition, and that the county is willing to pay the excise due to the King as Earl of Chester, towards its repair. Require him to levy the same, and pay it to Sir Geoffrey Shakerley and Sir Peter Pindar towards the uses aforesaid. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 15. Warrant to pay to Sir Jeremy Smith 500*l.* from prize money as a free gift, for service during the war. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 301.]

[Nov. 15.] 3. Another minute of the above.

Nov. 15. Warrant to the Lord General to order Colonel Henry Norwood to raise 500 able men, to be employed at Plymouth or elsewhere, as needed in the present conjuncture of affairs, to require assistance from all magistrates in quartering and conducting them thither, &c. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 302.]

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Nov. 15. Warrant for a grant to Edmond Windham and Edward Progers, the King's servants, of the moiety reserved to him arising from fines on forged or counterfeit bills or debentures, issued in the time of the late usurpation; the other moiety is granted to Prince Rupert and the other Commissioners appointed for recovery of the same. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 306.]

Nov. 15. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay out of the East India prize money 30,000*l.* to Sir George Carteret, for the navy. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 307.]

Nov. 15. Warrant to Sir George Carteret to remit to Flanders 25,000*l.* towards making good the remaining payments due to the Bishop of Munster, consigning the same to Alderman Backwell or William Temple, resident at Brussels; the money to be made good to him from the aid money or the East India prizes. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 307.]

[Nov. 15.] 4. Note of the two preceding warrants, and of others for 20,000*l.* to Mr. Pepys, treasurer for Tangiers, &c., and 30,000*l.* more to the Navy Treasurer for victualling.

Nov. 15. The King to the Governor of Plymouth. He is to deliver 1,000*l.* out of the militia money of Devonshire, kept in Plymouth fort or elsewhere, to Col. H. Norwood, who requires it for pressing affairs, the present infection making it inconvenient to send the money other ways, first assembling the deputy lieutenants, and requiring their concurrence. Assures its repayment. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 308.]

[Nov. 15.] 5. Draft of the above.

Nov. 15. The King to the Duke of York. Several ships are now lying at Harwich waiting a convoy for Hamburg. The Earl of Sandwich is to convoy them, with as many ships of war as he thinks needful, and to consider whether he cannot, at the same time, convoy some that lie ready in the Humber for Hamburg. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 154.]

Nov. 15. The King to Sir John Ward. Remembers his former offer to raise troops when required, and requests him to raise 500 able men, to be employed in service at Plymouth, according to directions to Lieut.-Col. Hen. Norwood. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 155.]

[Nov. 15.] 6. Draft of the above.

Nov. 15. Commission for —— Carey to be Ensign to Capt. Pomeroy. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 90.]

Nov. 15. Commission for Robt. Baxter to be Ensign to the Lieutenant of the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 90.]

Nov. 15. 7. Thos. Hollier to Sam. Pepys. Requests a bill for the surgeon appointed to the West Friezland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16. Chatham. 8. Sir Wm. Penn and Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Request that the last bill of imprest be immediately paid, to satisfy the importunity of the shipwrights for board wages; also another bill for 200*l.*, or it will be difficult to prevent disorder among the men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 16. Deal. 9. Tim. Gardner to the Navy Comrs. Is commanded by Mr. Evelyn, [commissioner for the sick and wounded in Kent,] to ask how to dispose of those men who are incapable of future service; desires a list of ships now at Portsmouth, Chatham, and the buoy of the Nore, that recovered seamen may be duly restored to their proper ships. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

9. I. *Certificate from Elnathan Hannam, surgeon, of the condition of* 10 *wounded men put ashore at Deal.*
*Deal, Nov.* 10, 1665.

Nov. 16. Portsmouth. 10. Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. Is willing to contract again, upon the conviction that the late bad payments have arisen from the calamities of the times; will engage to supply any amount of canvas required, provided half the money be advanced beforehand; entreats that the bill this day sent, for 491*l.*, may be paid forthwith, to keep life in the poor men to whom it is owing. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16. Portsmouth. 11. Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. Is willing to serve in more Noyals canvas; begs that the enclosed bill may be passed and paid to John Light, to satisfy the demands of the poor rope-makers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16? 12. Capt. Rich. Partrich to the Navy Comrs. Reports the condition of five ships designed for fetching coals for the poor; advises that masters be put on board at once. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16. Chatham. 13. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Reed cannot be had under 28*s.* per thousand, and broom 55*s.* per last; hopes some may be sent down from Woolwich, to supply the present necessity. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16. 14. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Is advised from the Nore that a considerable quantity of provisions from last year's declaration, shipped from Newcastle and Hull by the Duke of Albemarle's directions, is not disposed of, yet all the great ships are supplied for the present; the vessels so laden will be at great charge for demurrage, if not cleared, and the victuals spoiled by lying on board; asks directions in the matter, as also concerning the disposal of the prize cask lately received into the stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 16. Cockpit. 15. Sir W. Clarke to Williamson. Had a letter from Capt. Trafford, of his taking a Dutch privateer, and supposes the relation from Guernsey is the same. From Seville the account of the Tangiers fleet is that seven Dutch men-of-war met 17 English merchantmen with one galley, which engaged the Dutch till most of the vessels got into harbour, and only four were taken. It is reported that the Bishop of Munster has defeated the Dutch, killing 3,000 men.

Nov. 16. Cockpit. 16. Duke of Albemarle to Robt. Clifton and Capt. Gilbert Thomas, provost marshal. Many cables and other things embezzled from the Dutch prizes are hidden in Harwich, Ipswich, and other places.

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Requires them to search for and seize the same, and deliver them into the nearest stores. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 16. 17. Earl of Sandwich to Lord Arlington. Thanks for his letter; regrets not to pay his respects personally.

Nov. 16. Portsmouth. 18. Hugh Salisbury to James Hickes. Is busy in public affairs, but will write once a week the news of the place, if it will serve Mr. Williamson. Fears that he may offend if he tell what is in agitation in the Navy affairs. Sir Chris. Mennes' squadron is getting out, and Sir Jeremy Smith is ready. Preparation is making for the whole fleet of 40 sail. The seamen are much rejoiced that their long delayed money is come.

Nov. 16. London. 19. James Hickes to Williamson. The [News] book is not in print, and Mr. Newcomen, the printer, says he has not received the copy yet. Reports of the defeat of the Dutch by the Bishop of Munster.

Nov. 16. Warrant to [the Commissioners for Prizes] to order payment to each of the Sub-Commissioners of Prizes for London, viz.: Sir Thomas Strickland and seven others, of 400*l.* each, on account of poundage from the profits arising from the East India prizes, after payment of the 100,000*l.* already charged thereon. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 310.]

Nov. 17? 20. Warrant to the Governor of Plymouth to levy 300 able men from the neighbouring country, and to distribute them among the several companies of the garrison. Also to order 300 able and healthful men, to be drawn out of the garrison and delivered to Col. H. Norwood, to be disposed of according to directions already given him. [*Draft.*]

[Nov. 17.] 21. The King to the Lord General. Fresh troops being wanted at Plymouth and elsewhere, he is to order 500 men to be raised by Col. Hen. Norwood or orders, and conducted to Plymouth. All needful assistance is to be given in raising and accommodating the men, and transporting them to Plymouth. [*Draft.*]

Nov. 17. Warrant to Col. Hen. Norwood to levy and enlist 500 men, and conduct them to Plymouth, to be employed according to the Duke of Albemarle's directions, and ordering all assistance to be given him therein. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 309.]

Nov. 17. Oxford. 22. Commission to John Earl of Bath, governor, and Sir John Skelton, deputy governor of Plymouth, also to Sir Bernard De Gomme, chief engineer, and four others, to build a new citadel on the Hoe of Plymouth, to secure it against foreign invasion. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Gower, Bart., 2,250*l.* as the King's free gift, in remembrance of his useful services and constant loyalty to the late and present King. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Deal. 23. [Ri. Watts] to Williamson. There has been such a storm as was scarcely heard of, in which a vessel of Deal and some others were cast away. The fanatics have reported great loss to the Tangiers fleet. [*Damaged.*]

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Nov. 17. Letter Office, London. 24. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Has received five quires of his News, and will try to dispose of them; the title is thought a little defective. Mr. Salisbury will write accounts, but does not wish his name to be employed to his prejudice, as he is a collector of customs. Asks at what rate the books are to be sold. Unless they come out in time, and Mr. L'Estrange be prohibited, little good will be done.

Nov. 17. Woolwich. 25. Chris. Pett and Francis Fletcher to Sir Wm. Batten. Give an estimate of repairs needed for the Dunkirk and Dreadnought; total, 606*l.* State the defects of the Providence and Hound. [*Adm. paper, 2 pages.*]

Nov. 17. Woolwich. 26. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The Marmaduke is launched. Asks orders for other ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 17. Norwich. 27. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Sends Messrs. Edgars' certificate of the third payment due for the new ship; in 14 or 20 days she will be ready for the water. Asks whether she is to be rigged in Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 17. London. 28. Anthony Stevens to Sam. Pepys. Has the assurance of 26,000*l.* from the East India Company. Requires waggons for transporting it to Portsmouth, and all necessary instructions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 17. Plymouth Fort. 29. Sir John Skelton to Sam. Pepys. It will give great satisfaction to the seamen to be supplied with clothes there. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

29. I. *Philip Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Offers to undertake the supply of clothes to the western squadron; the captains and pursers who have seen the samples think they cannot be furnished so good and cheap. Gives every assurance to the contrary, and requests a warrant from the Duke of York for the future supply of all ships coming into Plymouth, with orders for speedy reimbursement.*

*Plymouth, November,* 17, 1665.

Nov. 17. Wanstead. 30. Jos. Child to the Navy Comrs. The ship freighted to fetch masts, being refused convoy from the fleet, is sent with a letter to the western squadron, to see him through the Soundings, thereby incurring the hazard of going to Plymouth without convoy, and much delay; entreats directions to the agent at Plymouth to assist in procuring speedy convoy for the said ship. Begs payment of his bill of imprest. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 18. Deptford. 31. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Only three calkers appear out of 12 pressed; gives their names. The works are delayed through bad weather. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 18. Cockpit. 32. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desires some advance to be given to several soldiers discharged from their ships, if it be but half a crown a piece, to keep them from perishing till their tickets can be paid off. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

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32. I. *Petition of 12 soldiers from Lord Belasyse's regiment to the Duke of Albemarle, for money to supply their present necessities till they receive their pay; served at sea in the Prince Royal, and since their discharge, are reduced to the utmost extremity.*

32. II. *Petition of divers soldiers newly-discharged from service in the Prince Royal, to the Duke of Albemarle, for support till such time as they shall receive the money due to them upon their tickets, having served in the late expedition against the Dutch.*

Nov. 18. Cockpit. 33. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Thanks for Mr. Waltham's appointment. The French ambassadors are re-called. They desire convenient transport to St. Valery, where they are to stay out their quarantine; yachts and ships are ordered to attend them. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

33. I. *Duke of Albemarle to Sam. Pepys. Approves of the appointment of Mr. Waltham as muster master at Plymouth. Wishes six books of martial law for the sea sent down.*
*Cockpit, November* 18, 1665.

Nov. 18. Greenwich. 34. James Watkins to the Navy Comrs. Begs an allowance of 40*l.* per month to the Joseph hospital ship, while lying in the river, and of four men to be paid and victualled to look after her. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 18. Chatham. 35. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Sends proposals for timber. The contractors are unwilling in these dangerous times to come up to London. Begs it may be left to Sir Wm. Penn and himself to buy what is decided upon. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

35. I. *Thos. Lewsley to* [*Comr. Pett*]. *Survey of John Masons' timber; judges it sound and serviceable.*
*Chatham, November* 9, 1665.

35. II. *Tender of elm and oak timber by John Mason.*
*Chatham, November* 11, 1665.

35. III. *Tender of plank, oak timber, and treenails by Ashley Britcliff.* *Chatham, November* 13, 1665.

35. IV. *Tender of oak, elm, and beech timber by Wm. Chambers.*
*Chatham, November* 13, 1665.

35. V. *Thos. Lewsley to* [*Comr. Pett*]. *Survey of Henry Higford's timber; the quality is very good.*
*Chatham Dock, November* 15, 1656.

[Nov.] 18. 36. Edw. Dering to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of the quantity of hemp to be expected from Riga. Asks the same privilege and encouragement in its importation as others have, and that the risk of the voyage may be borne by the King. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 18. The King to the Earl of Bath. On account of the interruption of public intercourse by the infection, the money for the bastions and new fortifications at Plymouth cannot conveniently be sent; he is therefore to lay out on the said works such part of the militia money as is necessary, and it shall be speedily reimbursed. The deputy lieutenants of Devonshire and Cornwall, or others in whose charge it is, are to be authorized to pay the same to him, provided the 1,000*l.* already ordered to Col. Norwood be paid. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 90.]

Nov. 18. Warrant to Lord Arundel, governor of Pendennis Castle, to send 100 foot soldiers thence, under fit officers, with all expedition to Plymouth. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 311.]

Nov. 37. Draft of the above, dated November 17.

Nov. 18. 38. James Hickes to Williamson. The News-books are received with general applause; hopes they will be printed in London, and thinks soon no others will be sent for. Particulars of correspondents. It is reported that Sir Thos. Teddeman is committed to the Tower.

Nov. 18. 39. Memoranda from news-letters calendared above.

Nov. 18. St. John's. 40. Robt. Hall to Williamson. Mr. Bennet wants a letter promised by Lord Arlington, appointing him under-sheriff of co. Bucks.

Nov. 19. Oxford. 41. Declaration by Lord Arlington of the King's approval of Sir James Clavering to be a Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland and Newcastle, and orders to the Earl of Northumberland and Lord Percy to issue out his commission accordingly.

Nov. ? 42. Petition of Simon Venn to the King for confirmation of the dispensation granted him by the Master and senior Fellows of Baliol College, Oxford, to study the law, without entering into holy orders.

Nov. 19. Oxford. 43. Confirmation of a dispensation for Simon Venn, fellow of Balliol College, from the statute by which, at the end of four years, the fellows are to take holy orders, that he may apply himself to the study of civil and canon law. [*Latin.*]

Nov. [19.] 44. Draft of the above.

Nov. 19. Licence to Thomas Writtle, governor of Upnor Castle, to be absent from his duty, in order to command a vessel belonging to Capt. Strode, lieut.-governor of Dover Castle, and set out by Charles Duke of Richmond and others against the Dutch. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 312.]

Nov. 19. Oxford. Warrant to Sir John Griffin, captain of Gravesend Blockhouse, to order alterations and repairs there, as resolved on by the King himself, to make it more convenient. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 312.]

Nov. 19. Warrant to Col. Bullen Reymes to release Herman De Beele, Michel Lorat, and Daniel Lodigies, Frenchmen belonging to the St. Peter of Lubec, now under his charge. [*Ent. Book* 22. *p.* 313.]

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Nov. 19. Plymouth. 45. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. On command of the Duke of Albemarle, has sent to Portsmouth the prize caper lately brought in; the Paul must be hauled ashore, to repair a leakage; junk is scarce, and sails, anchors, and cables wanted. The boatswain of the hulk is no seaman, and though willing and ready upon occasions, is not expeditious. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Nov. 19. Portsmouth. 46. Sir Wm. Batten to Sam. Pepys. Cannot begin to pay until more money be sent. The Friezland must be hastened down with masts and other provisions; the Greyhound has arrived, damaged by a storm. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

46. I. *List, by Sir Wm. Batten, of cables, canvas, and other stores to be sent in the Friezland to Portsmouth.*

Nov. 20. Cockpit. 47. Duke of Albemarle to Sam. Pepys. Many of the soldiers lately discharged from ship board have their tickets, but are still in great necessity; they must be paid out of the first money that comes to hand; it might be borrowed from the money for prisoners; 2,000*l.* would do it, and keep all quiet in other regiments. The Breda and Welcome must be hastened to Ousley Bay. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20. Chatham Ropeyard. 48. John Owen to Sam. Pepys. Has not received the 50*l.* ordered from Mr. Gregory for paying board wages to the ropemakers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20. Deptford. 49. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. Finds 9 butts and 2 bogsheads of stinking beer on board the Blackamoor, and much decayed bread and cheese on the Royal Exchange. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20? 50. Petition of Joseph Chew to Squire Phips, [Sam. Pepys,] Navy Comr., to be appointed boatswain of the Lily, having served in the same capacity on board the Breda. *Annexing,*

50. I. *Certificate by Capt. Wm. Badiley and J. Uthwat, of the ability of Jos. Chew as boatswain of the Breda.*
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Nov. 20. Wivenhoe ketch, Hull Road. 51. Capt. Wm. Berry to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has sustained damage from a storm in the Humber; is driven into Hull. Awaits orders for supplies. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20. Cockpit. 52. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. The Duke of Albemarle has written to the Governors of Trinity House, and also to Hull, for pilots for the Hamburg ships. The corporal and 12 troopers arrived too late to go with the money waggons, but have been sent on after them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20. Portsmouth. 53. St. J. Steventon to Sam. Pepys. Sends a bond for Rivers, purser of the Kent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20. Barber Surgeons' Hall. 54. Thos. Hollier to Sam. Pepys. Has daily solicited Mr. Solby to expedite the recruits of medicines for Portsmouth. Proposed Mr. Watts' assistance in furnishing some of the bills, but he refused

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it. Such delay must occur so long as the whole work is in one man's hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 20. Oxford. The King to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley. The late session of Parliament has granted 1,250,000*l.*, to be kept distinct from the 2,477,500*l.* before granted, or from any other branch of revenue. The Act directs repayment of all loans made upon the credit of it, with interest at 6 per cent., payment of all who have furnished navy or ordnance stores, and payments for the war. Specifies those which he considers most pressing; these payments are to be made on privy seals, not stating particular services, but only that they are for the war. Assignments being allowed of these moneys to other persons, they are to register the orders for payment accordingly. When these moneys are paid, certificates and warrants for other payments are to be allowed in due course. [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 157–9.]

Nov. 20. 55. Copy of the above. [2½ *pages.*]

Nov. 20. London. Levant Company to Consul Cave. There are French vessels commissioned to take all the English they meet with, especially the four expected from Smyrna, which are therefore to wait till a convoy can be obtained, in spite of former orders to meet the convoy at Tunis, Messina, or Zante. Peace with France is uncertain, as the ambassador has taken leave, saying that his master will assist the Hollanders. Could not hold a formal court, the governor and most of the members being away, on account of the infection. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 115.]

Nov. 20. London. Levant Company to John Launce [at Marseilles]. Request him to forward the letter to Consul Cave, whom he is to inform as far as he can of the movements of the French fleet and of the Dutch, and also to advise the governor of the company thereon. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 116.]

Nov. 20. London. Levant Company to Thos. Dethick [at Leghorn]. To the same purport as the preceding. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 116.]

[Nov. 20.] 56. Petition of Samuel Wilson, merchant, to Lord Arlington, for release from the custody of John Sumner, messenger, being taken from his house at Greenwich for a supposed contempt of the King's authority, of which he is not in the least guilty; his affairs require him much this vintage time, and he pays yearly large sums for customs.

Nov. 20. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay to Sir Thos. Allin 500*l.* out of prize money, for services during the war. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 312.]

Nov. 21. Warrant for discharge of 21,000*l.* to the Farmers of Excise in London, Middlesex, and Surrey, out of their rent of 118,000*l.* a year, in consequence of their loss sustained by the contagion in London. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 313.]

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[Nov. 21.] Patent appointing Sir John Kelyng, judge of the King's Bench, as lord chief justice thereof. [*Latin. Domestic Corresp.*, 1660, *Nov.* 7, *No.* 28.]

Nov. 21. Exminge. 57. Col. Rich. Kirkby to Williamson. Professions of service. Letters for him must be left at Newmarket.

Nov. 21. Bath. 58. Col. H. Norwood to Lord Arlington. Sir John Warre, to whom he was ordered to deliver the King's letter about recruits for Tangiers, being at Orchard, Sir Wm. Windham's place, has sent after him there. If no good ensues, will try what can be done about Exeter and Plymouth, though without hope of sending more than the Pendennis men by this convoy. In spite of such a beginning, will try hard to please the King before returning to Oxford. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 21. Papers relating to the Fortune and Prosperous victualling ships, viz.:—

59. Certificate, by Matthew Hayden, of the Fortune being taken up as victualler. May 6, 1665.

60. Certificate, by James Hayden, of the measurement of the Prosperous, Joshua Rudston, master. Sept. 30, 1665.

61. Certificate, by Thos. Lewis, of accounts cleared by Joshua and John Rudston, masters of the Prosperous and Fortune victualling ships.
Victualling Office, Tower Hill, Nov. 10, 1665.

62. Certificate, by James Hayden, of the measurement of the Fortune, John Rudston, master. Nov. 16, 1665.

63. Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. Requests that before bills of freight be paid to Joshua and John Rudston, the 6*l.* lent by Mr. Gauden, for the hire of labourers in stowing goods on board the Fortune and Prosperous, may be repaid. [*Adm. Papers.*] Victualling Office, Nov. 21, 1665.

Nov. 21. London. 64. Sir Wm. Rider to the Navy Comrs. Must again remind them of the hemp ships detained at Konigsberg by the Elector of Brandenburg. Some means of clearing them must be decided on; urges speedy convoy for ships from the Baltic, lest they have to winter there; asks where to discharge them when they do come. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

64. I. *List of seven ships from Riga, laden with hemp for the service, and six from Stockholm with tar, lying at Elsinore for convoy; besides the two ships detained by the Elector of Brandenburg.*

Nov. 21. Sta. Maria, The Nore. 65 Chris. Battars, gunner, to Sam. Pepys. Begs that Wm. Smith may be appointed his deputy for the present voyage, being unable to proceed through sickness. [*Adm. Paper.*]



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Nov. 21. 66. Declaration by Wm. Chambers that he has never served as pilot or master's mate to Hamburg or the Elbe, and is not knowing in those parts. Written upon Capt. Wm. Badiley's warrant of Nov. 18, impressing him for the said service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 21. The Paul, Plymouth. 67. Capt. Peter Foote to the Navy Comrs. Is obliged to put into port for repairs of damages sustained in a violent storm off the Goodwin Sands. Desires that a small vessel may be sent to ply upon his station during his long absence, to prevent the loss of his anchor and two new cables, which he was forced to let slip. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 21. Portsmouth. 68. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. There is much sickness in the yard; several are dead, which will give a stop to the dispatch of the works. The report of payments going on gives great content to the seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 22. 69. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Account of works performed since the Foresight and Guernsey were docked. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 22. 70. Edw. Dering to the Navy Comrs. Is expecting 250 tons of hemp from Riga; will either deliver it on arrival, at 50*s.* per cwt., the King bearing the risk of the voyage, or upon factory and account, as usual, receiving interest for his money because he had no imprest. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

70. I. *Form of contract between the Navy Comrs. and Edw. Dering, for the purchase of 250 tons of Riga hemp.* [2 *pages, draft.*]

70. II. *Memoranda* [*by Edw. Dering*] *of deals, hemp, cordage, and tar, under tender by him to the Navy Comrs.* *Oct.* 24, 1665.

Nov. 22. 71. Certificate by Capt. Wm. Gregory, that Ezekiel Lancaster was on board the Dolphin fire-ship at the time of her burning. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 22. Gravesend. 72. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Bowles refuses to allow him 5*s.* a day for himself and man, petty warrant money, as formerly granted him when mustering on ship-board, in lieu of his boat hire, proffering victuals instead. Sends an account of four ships, their dates of arrival at and departure from Gravesend, and the number of men on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 22. Gravesend. 73. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Shows several abuses in the service with regard to the management of the sick and wounded, whereby the King's allowance is misapplied; suggests that the mayors or chief magistrates of the places where the sick are quartered should have the inspection of persons employed by the Commissioners for sick and wounded, to see that men are not dieted at the King's charge when they are really gone. The muster-book should also name the ship to which each man belongs, and the date of the

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discharge and return, as the same man is sometimes entered on two or three ships, which is to the purser's advantage. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages*.]

Nov. 22. Gravesend. 74. Fr. Hosier to the Navy Comrs. Finds difficulty in mustering the Dutch prisoners, by reason of their giving different names each day. Manages to give a just allowance for petty warrants, by noting the number who die daily; hears that an order has been passed to keep the prisoners on bread and water; if such be the case, they will not live a week. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 22. Dean Forest. 75. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Is reduced to such an exigence that he cannot employ the men for want of timber, and cannot discharge them, for want of money. Begs that some effectual course may be taken to stir up the justices of Gloucestershire to the prosecution of their duty. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 22. 76. Thos. Perring to the Navy Comrs. Wants a supply of deadman eyes for chainplates, for the new ship building by Mr. Castell at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 22. 77. Statement by Edw. Dering of the conditions on which he hired nine Newcastle ships to fetch plank from Hamburg Having lain long at demurrage, for want of convoy, they were dismissed, but are still willing to go this winter or in the spring, leaving the charge for demurrage to arbitration. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Nov. 22. Dunkirk. 78. ——Vandepere to Sir Philip Frowde, Oxford. Business affairs. Receipt of M. St. Sauveur's money, &c.; leaves his reward to the generosity of Lord [Arlington].

Nov. 22. The Prince. 79. Inventory taken by the Earl of Sandwich and Sir Chas. Harbord, in presence of Sir Thos. Teddeman and Roger Cuttance, of goods in Wm. How's custody, on board the Royal Prince, being rubies, diamonds, musk, and money. [*Copy*, 2 *pages*.]

[Nov. 23.] Patent, appointing Sir Wm. Morton, serjeant-at-law, a judge of the King's Bench. [*Latin. Domestic Corresp.*, 1660, *Nov.* 7.]

Nov. 23. 80. Mrs. Cary Heydon to Lord Arlington. Requests a reference to the Lord Treasurer, as promised last night; has to wait upon Prince [Rupert] with it, that he may send it to the Lord Treasurer, who promises to see it dispatched.

Nov. 23. Taunton Dean. 81. Col. H. Norwood to Lord Arlington. Sir John Warre being gone westward, has tried the inclinations of the people, but finds they generally apprehend being sent away to the plantations, as they call Tangiers; on Sir John's return, will try what they will do from personal affection, and will meanwhile consult with the deputy lieutenants. It is true, as the King observed, that the place abounds in idle tradesmen fit for the service, but the question is whether they will be lured to march to Plymouth in time for the

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next convoy. Lord Hawley will miss the company of Sir John, who was going to the Land's End to make him a Parliament man. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 23. 82. Names of ten men remaining on board the Fortune prize, and of the ships to which several belong. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 23. 83. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Officers of the Eagle. Desires that 20 men may be sent from their ship to the Golden Phœnix at Erith, in virtue of a warrant from Sir John Mennes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 23. Saye Court. 84. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. The most expeditious way to send a letter to Sir Wm. Doyley will be to enclose it to Mr. Tillingham, of Hadleigh, near Colchester. Another hospital ship is indispensable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 23. Kinsale. 85. Thos. Chudleigh to Sam. Pepys. Has hitherto made applications to the Board through his mother; begs continuance of favours, and if, on account of her sudden decease, any accounts or other papers be miscarried or embezzled, begs favour and redress. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 23. 86. Journal kept by Thos. Alderman, of time expended [on the King's service] by the Patience pink, since July 28, 1665. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages*]

Nov. 23. Portsmouth. 87. Constance Pley to the Sam. Pepys. An embargo has overtaken a vessel of her son's laden with goods for England. Has offered canvas to Comr. Middleton at 20*s.* an ell, for which a blank bill is given. Begs to be kept no longer in suspense, but either to have the bill filled up or the canvas restored. Can proceed no further unless supplied with money, "'tis pity to meet so great discouragement in so good a work as English sailcloth." Entreats some small payment, if only 1,000*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

87. I. *Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. Is far from being troubled at their non-acceptance of her bills of exchange, as she expected it; only regrets being persuaded to subscribe what she knew to be useless; by Mr. Hornby's kindness her credit has been preserved from "giving up the ghost." Has now delivered nine tons of Weymouth cordage, which completes the contract. Begs that Mr. Hornby may receive money upon her bills to satisfy his disbursements.*

Nov. 24. Dover. 88. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Mary has sustained damage in a storm, and is put under repair forthwith, at the captain's earnest desire; had to buy spruce deals for the purpose, with ready money. Asks pardon for forwardness in the business; it is a right-hand error, out of zeal for the service. Begs a supply of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24. The Success, Margate Road. 89. Capt. Nath. Ball to [the Navy Comrs.]. Is arrived from Ostend, bound for the Downs. Requests a supply of sails; dares not venture to sea with what he has at present. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 24. London. 90. James Askew to Sam. Pepys. Thinks Wm. Himers and John Warrener fit to serve as pilots for Hamburg; requests warrants for them should they abscond. Knows not where to find other two, the Hamburg fleet having drained London of men who know that place. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24. Victualling Office. 91. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that Wm. Mowseley, master of the Prosperous pink, has passed his accounts for victuals carried to the fleet, and for the victualling of his own company. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

91. I. *Measurement of the pink Prosperous, by Jonas Shish,* 60 *feet by* 18 *feet.* *October* 19, 1665.

Nov. 24. The Monk, Queenborough. 92. Certificate by Robt. Bowden that he was appointed to pilot the Plymouth in the present Hamburg expedition, but finding her sailed, desired passage to her in the Monk, when Capt. Penros, the commander, detained him on board his own ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24. Barnet. 93. Robt. Stockdale to Sam. Pepys. Desires a warrant for money due for the hemp lately sold to the Commissioners. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 24. 94. Lord Arlington to the Consuls in 20 foreign ports. The King wishing, especially during this winter season, to protect his own subjects in their trade and to molest the Dutch, desires a particular account to be taken and sent over of all Dutch ships trading to and from the several ports, as to whither bound, when likely to sail, and on whose account they are really laden. Also of English ships in the ports, that sufficient convoys may be provided for them. In all these things their diligence will be of great concern to the public. [*Draft.*]

Nov. 24. The King to the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer. Complaints are made by Judges in the courts of Westminster, of great inconvenience arising from a patent granted to the Earl of Berkshire, as it is pretended, of all fines and forfeitures throughout England, on pretence of which he and his deputies release or compound for fines, so that persons fined for great misdemeanors procure a release from them before the end of the assizes, to the obstruction of public justice, and discouragement of the judges, when it appears that the fines imposed are for the benefit of particular persons. At request of the judges, orders them, with the counsel-at-law, speedily to review the patent, and if it, or the execution thereof, be against law, to stay all proceedings upon it, being resolved to make no more grants, but keep fines in his own hands, to extend mercy as the judges think convenient; if the Earl surrender the grant willingly, they are to consider of a reasonable compensation for it. [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 149, 50.]

Nov. 24. Warrant for a congé d'élire to the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, to elect a bishop to that see, vacant by death of Dr. John Earles, and for a recommendation of Dr. Alex. Hyde, dean of Winchester. [*Ent. Book* 19, *p.* 51.]

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Nov. 24. Commission for Thos. Browne to be Ensign to Capt. Bucknam, in the Admiral's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 91.]

Nov. 24. Pass for John Stanton to France. Minute. [*Ent Book* 22, *p.* 315.]

Nov. 24. London. Levant Company to [Consul Cave]. The contagion abating, hope the governor and assistants will return to town. The Duc de Beaufort has taken three English ships in the Straits, and has a special design on the Smyrna ships, which are not to move till the convoy comes. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 117.]

Nov. 24. Oxford. 95. Petition of Edw. Marquis of Worcester to the King. He and his late father lent 200,000*l.* to the late King, whereby and by other sums spent in that service, he is reduced to a small pittance. John Hall has sued him on a bond of 6,000*l.*, obtained judgment against him, and being a receiver of revenue, has assigned the debt to the Crown, which having precedence of other creditors, can enforce the claim, swallow up the petitioner's shattered estate, and ruin him and his other creditors. Begs that this prosecution on Mr. Hall's behalf may be superseded. With reference thereon to the Attorney or Solicitor General, and report of the latter that the 6,000*l.* was part of the money advanced for the late King, and therefore the petitioner is worthy of relief, but his request should not be granted, or His Majesty would be obliged to make good the money to Mr. Hall. [*Copy*, 3 *pages.*]

Nov. 24. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 190.]

Nov. 24. 96. Symon Bennet to Lord Arlington, Christ Church College. Is sorry that he had elected an under-sheriff before he received his lordship's letter. Will go on as cheerfully as he can with his shrievalty, but begs leave to advise with him on all occasions of doubt.

Nov. 24. 97. ——— to Lord Arlington, Oxford. All are amazed at the late Act against nonconformity, judging it against the law of nature, and therefore void. The Presbyterians will defeat the design of it, for some of the chief incline to take the oath. All is quiet, both in the country and in London.

Nov. 25. 98. Post label from Lord Arlington for a dispatch leaving Oxford at midnight, Nov. 25, and reaching London 7 p.m. the day following.

Nov. 25. East Hatley. 99. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. His Gazette gains great reputation, and being in so small a volume, can be sent everywhere.

Nov. 25. Oxford. Proclamation for prevention of frauds and abuses in the payment of the excise on beer and ale. Similar to that of Dec. 17, 1662. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 206.]

Nov. 25. Warrant for a grant to Capt. Lewis Blanquefort, of the King's proportion of certain forfeited goods, seized by the officers of customs at Rye. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 316.]

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Nov. 25. Pass for Sir Charles Sydley, Bart., to France. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 316.]

Nov. 25. Warrant to the Officers of Customs, &c., to permit Don Francisco de Mello to export 700 barrels of gunpowder to Portugal, for the use of the King of Portugal. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 316.]

Nov. 25. Oxford. 100. Petition of Thomas Earl of Cleveland to the King. Having forfeited his manors of Stepney and Hackney to Rich. Blackwell, the mortgagee thereof, he was allowed by Parliament seven years to redeem them, which are now almost expired. A debt due by Blackwell to the Crown, as collector of prize goods, was granted to Lady Belhaven, and she refuses to accept of the money due by the Earl to Blackwell, and thus deprives him of the power of redeeming his estates, and has stopped a warrant to the Barons of the Exchequer to examine into the case; prays that it may proceed. With reference thereon to the Barons of the Exchequer to enquire how far the Earl's debt to Blackwell is satisfied by the proceeds of the estate, how far Lady Belhaven can profit by the estate, and the best mode of relieving the petitioner. [*Copy*, 10 *pages.*]

Nov. 25. London. 101. Thos. Papillon to the Navy Comrs. Wants a safe conduct for certain vessels laden with cable yarn, on their voyage from Bordeaux to Portsmouth, understanding that the King's ships are ordered to seize all vessels but Swedes. With note by Pepys that Mr. Papillon has obliged himself to serve the goods to the King, and at the former prices. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 25. The Wivenhoe, Hull. 102. Capt. Wm. Berry to [Sam. Pepys]. Awaits orders for refitting his ship sufficiently to proceed to some other port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 25. Chatham. 103. Edw. Gregory to Sam. Pepys. Cannot pay Mr. Owen 50*l.*; all the money received is long since paid to appease the clamours of the shipwrights and calkers; has stripped himself in the service of the chest, having already advanced 550*l.*; has this day dismissed nine poor dismembered men, comfortless, having nothing to give them but good words and fair promises. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 25. Portsmouth. 104. Robt. Waith to Sam. Pepys. It will be difficult to pay the just sum of every ship's collection at the pay-table; will endeavour to keep in his own custody the full value of the chest collected from each ship, to be disposed of according to directions. Only two vessels of Sir Jer. Smith's fleet are paid off, the rest being delayed till more ready to sail; there is great distress for want of clothes; the slop-sellers might have provided them from Bristol and elsewhere by this time. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 25? 105. Robt. Waith, paymaster, to Sam. Pepys. Instead of the promissed assistance of four clerks in making up the books, is left with only Mr. Curtis; begs that others may be appointed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 25. Cockpit. 106. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. The Duke of Albemarle is going to Oxford, and wishes to speak with him before. A deputy is to be appointed for the gunner of the Sta. Maria. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 25. African House. Saturday. 107. Sir Geo. Smith to Sam. Pepys. Requests that the accounts of the Eagle may be perfected if she is discharged, that she may be put into employment for the Royal company. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 25. Portsmouth. 108. Sir Wm. Batten to Sam. Pepys. Will comply with the Duke's orders about the chest money; expects, as usual, to be straitened for money; has nine ships to pay out at Spithead, which will make long work; the short allowance, yard, and ropeyard are almost paid; 12 pinnaces are wanted and 50 dozen oars; the Earl of St. Alban's is arrived, bringing news of an English 26-gun frigate lost off the coast of France; expects it to be the Lizard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 25. Portsmouth. 109. St. J. Steventon to Sam. Pepys. Returns his last bill of imprest for 620*l.*; 500*l.* is to be for Sir Jeremy Smith's use. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 26. Deptford. 110. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Wishes to put the Foresight into the wet dock for completion of her repairs; a mainmast is wanted for her. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 26. 111. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. Urges the necessity of an able assistant at Woolwich. The winter is at hand and a river full of ice to be expected: ships may break loose in the night, and come foul of one another, if there be not an experienced man to direct and see them furnished with necessaries. Woolwich is the worst reach in all the Thames; in the day time, some officers may be seen on board the vessels, but when night comes, it is a hard matter to find any; cannot himself, by reason of his old age, carry on the work of both places. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 26. Plymouth. 112. Col. Henry Norwood to Lord Arlington. Has overtaken Sir John Warre and Lord Hawley, bound for the Land's End, and stopped them by the King's letter, and Lord Bath's reflections on it. There is to be a meeting to contrive the speediest means for raising levies. The Governor of Pendennis is extremely startled by the proposition to send away 100 men, his garrison being only 200; thinks it should be referred to Lord Bath. Sir John Warre has very little confidence in his present strength, but he and Lord Hawley will go to Taunton, and do what they can. Intends to wait on the Earl of Bath, and put in practice what they resolve on for the service. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 27. Oxford. Reference on a constat for Mr. Elliott concerning land in Gloucestershire, that considering the expenses requisite for embanking and improving the same, his lease shall be for 60 years, at the rent of 6*l.* per acre. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 193.]

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1665. [Nov.] 113. Petition of Samuel Wilson, merchant of London, to the King, for freedom from restraint. Has been three weeks in custody of a messenger, on accusation from the Canary Company of writing letters to discompose the affairs of those islands, which he denies, though he was dissatisfied with the propositions made him to enter the joint stock of the Canary merchants.

Nov. 27. Warrant to J. Sumner for discharge of Samuel Wilson, merchant. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 317.]

Nov. 27. Dover. 114. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Cables are wanted, none bigger than 12 inch or less than 8; also anchors and tallow. Requests the passing of his accounts. Is not able to perform what is requisite for want of ready money, and no credit is to be had. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 27. Cockpit. 115. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Directions for the order of payment to be observed to those soldiers employed in the late engagement with the Dutch who are now discharged, and are to be restored to their respective garrisons. No tickets must be paid except to those who come in person. A guard for the pay office may be furnished from the King's troops, if required. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 28. Nonsuch House. 116. Statement by Charles Wood of the circumstances whereby Edw. Wood was continued chaplain of the hired ship Coast, under Capt. Traherne, upon the death of Capt. Lawson in the engagement at Bergen. He was entered upon the books as chaplain, and received his ticket as such; wanting money, he sold the said ticket to Mr. Traherne, a relative of the captain, to whom it was afterwards transferred. The captain refuses to deliver it, upon the plea that he cannot return Edw. Wood as chaplain, he not being in orders, but offers to make him midshipman, to which the other officers will not consent. Begs to refer the whole matter to Mr. Pepys for decision. [*Adm. Paper,* 1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

116. I. *Certificate by Wm. Traherne captain, and John Kirke, boatswain, of Edw. Wood's due discharge of the duties of chaplain on board the Coast frigate.*

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Nov. 28. 117. Capt. Lambert Wood to Sam. Pepys. Sustained damage by stress of weather below Greenwich. Had a collision with the Lamb prize: the ship ran aground; the mate, carpenter, and two seamen were sick on board. Hopes the damage may be surveyed, and inquiries made of the pilot as to the truth of this statement. Wants a convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 28. Portsmouth. 118. Sir Wm. Batten to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of stores. Masts wanted; also a bill of lading for the Friezland. Is hastening away the Straits fleet. If money come into the office, begs the payment of timber and plank bills to two poor men at Wivenhoe. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 28. Deptford. 119. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 28 120. Names of 11 fanatics now in prison in Berkshire, committed as dangerous persons, with an account of their families. Endorsed with a note that Jas. Hand is the black, swarthy man who lived at St. Giles's.

Nov. ? 121. Minute of a letter to be written to Lord Lovelace to release such prisoners in Berkshire as are not notorious ringleaders of meetings, nor cashiered officers of greater danger. With cancelled note that Drake and his brother, who wrote the book concerning the subsisting of the Long Parliament, are at Undercombs in Burnham parish, co. Bucks.

Nov. 28. 122. Attorney General Palmer to Williamson. The Judges of King's Bench think Mr. Hepden bailable, but are unwilling for the justices of peace to bail him, and have ordered a habeas corpus to Justice Twysden, who wants directions from Lord Arlington that he may examine and bail him, on bond to appear at the next assizes.

Nov. 28. Oxford. Reference to the Lord High Treasurer on the petition of Cary Heydon, daughter of Sir Jo. Heydon, for a grant of 80 acres, called Wotton coppice, being disappointed of a small rent of 50*l.* a year. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 190.]

[Nov. 28.] 123. Petition of Thos. Chiffinch to the King, for a grant of such part of the estate of the late Maurice Vanlore of London, who died without will or heirs, as they can find in the hands of Arnold Beake, merchant of London, and —— Cruso, who, on pretence of an account between them and Vanlore, took out letters of administration.

[Nov. 28.] Reference of the above petition to the Attorney General. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 191.]

Nov. 28. Licence to Fras. Leveson, high sheriff of Staffordshire, to live out of his county during his shrievalty, he having no dwelling house there. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 157.]

Nov. 28. Warrant to Capt. Thomas Howard to conduct 150 men drawn out of Col. Russell's regiment of Foot Guards to Portsmouth, and deliver them to Sir Chris. Minns, requiring all magistrates to assist him therein, and not to stop the men for examination of health or any other difficulty. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 317.]

Nov. 28. Warrant to the Officers of Greencloth to pay to Alexander Beaucler, one of the King's surgeons in ordinary, his board wages for 1663–1664, notwithstanding the warrant of suspension. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 319.]

Nov. 28. Warrant for a grant to Maurice Deladale, of the office of Keeper of the upper houses, leads, and great butts at Windsor Castle, void by death of Francis Young. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 320.]

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Nov. 28. Plymouth. 124. Col. H. Norwood to Lord Arlington. The failure of the eastward post that day puts all concerned into great suspense. Has not yet received the 1,000*l.* promised for the levies, but is using means, with the Earl of Bath, to get the Pendennis men thither. The deputy lieutenants, though anxious to please the King, are very averse to the plan of raising men for Plymouth and then transporting them to Tangiers; they say it will be a trick that will greatly lessen their credit among the common people, and can be acted only once, whereas if the King would allow them to press idle fellows in the several parishes to go to sea, they would serve the King and country by furnishing able men for the war. This has been done before, and they suggest it, though without declining the King's order as it stands. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 28. 125. List of 13 correspondents of James Hickes for the use and service of Joseph Williamson. With notes by Hickes relative to sending them the Gazettes, &c.

Nov. 29. 126. Post label of a packet sent by Lord Arlington from Oxford, at 9 a.m., which reached London the next morning at 1 a.m.

Nov. 29. Oxford. 127. Petition of Peter Rycaut to the King, for an order to the Chancellor of the duchy [of Lancaster] to permit him to discover the invalidity of certain acquittances pleaded by the heirs of Sir Simon Every, late receiver general, for 12,378*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*, due ever since 1641, and to grant him such part as shall be found yet due, as requested in a former petition. Lost 150,000*l.* in His Majesty's righteous cause. With order thereon, permitting him to examine the said acquittances.

Nov. 29. Entry of the above petition and order. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 191.]

Nov. 29. Bristol. 128. Willm. Colston to Williamson. Begs him to obtain letters from the King and Portugal Ambassador to declare Bristol to be free from infection; hopes their ships will then be allowed to discharge at Lisbon, ships from London and Plymouth having been refused there. The ships will carry no goods from London or other infected places.

Nov. 29. The King to the Lord General. The militia money of Devonshire not having been paid into the fort of Plymouth for safe keeping, as ordered, he is required to have it paid in to Sir John Skelton, deputy governor there, and to report any further neglect therein, with the names of the offenders. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 159.]

Nov. 29. The Breda, Ousely Bay. 129. Antho. Cross, purser, to the Navy Comrs. The gunner refuses to obey the Commissioners' order and give up his indent and expense of stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 29. From Amsterdam doleful, dreadful, and deathly prison, at the Prince's Hoft. 130. Zacheus Ewell, of the Trinity House, pilot extraordinary in the Great Charity when taken by the Hollanders, 3rd June last, to the Navy Comrs. Petitions for release from a Turkish Amboyna imprisonment in Amsterdam. An opportunity now presents itself by exchange with John Henrick Boan, of Amsterdam, pilot, lately captured by the fleet and imprisoned in the Old Castle at Portsmouth;

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60 English prisoners have been carried to Flushing, but 160 remain still; nine prisoners escaped by opening the locks with crooked nails, mounting upon each others shoulders to the top of a house, hauling one another up by means of a string of pieced canvas, fastening the string to a chimney, and so sliding down into the street. Those left behind were at first fettered and chained together in close dungeons, and fed with brown bread and water, but the chains are now removed. Many are sick and dying. Entreats charitable and Christian consideration for their sad condition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 29. Norwich. 131. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges the receipt of bills for two payments to Messrs. Edgar. The other payments now due are much wanted. Asks if the Flemish cordage is to be treated for, and the 6*l.* paid to Mr. Stedman. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 29. Deptford. 132. General muster on board 24 ships in harbour, and five fitting out, signed by Capt. Wm. Badiley and Thos. Cowley. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30. 133. Survey by Chris. Pett and Jonas Shish, of the new ship building by Mr. Johnson at Blackwall. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30. Portsmouth. 134. Sir Wm. Batten to Sam. Pepys. Clothes must be hastened down for the Straits fleet. Has not a penny of necessary money for the pursers, nor fish nor oatmeal for fish days. Wants tickets and a supply of bread. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30. Oxford. 135. John Fenn to Sam. Pepys. Advises a letter of credit of 2,000*l.* for Sir Jer. Smith. If Mr. Hornby has no correspondent there, some one must be found to give credit for at least 1,000*l.*, as it requires haste. Has 2,000 dollars at Tangiers, if that will assist. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30. Chatham. 136. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The canvas lately received is much damaged by water. Wishes more care were taken to hire better boys and prevent such trouble. The Duke of York wishes all possible haste to be made with the Victory. Has promised the shipwrights, for their better encouragement, an allowance of board wages, which will expedite the work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 30. Portsmouth. 137. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Will make a beginning, and render a speedy account of his proceedings. Desires a warrant for his brother to give security at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. ? 138. Petition of Basil Brent, high sheriff of Berkshire, to the King, for permission to remain in Buckinghamshire, where he has long resided, having no house in Berkshire.

Nov. 30. Licence for Basil Brent, high sheriff of Berkshire, to live out of the county, he having no dwelling-house within it. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 160.]

Nov. 30. Letter to the Governors of Sutton's Hospital for admission of —— Newling as a scholar. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 160.]

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Nov. 30. Letter Office, London. 139. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Feared there would have been no Gazette, it was so late; an early dispatch is a great advantage to the buyer.

Nov. 30. 140. Petition of Edward, son of the late Col. Thos. Seymour, to the King, for the office of Messenger of the Exchequer attending the great seal, void by decease of Thos. Benbow, which must pass the great seal by His Majesty's grant, though in the Lord Chancellor's nomination. With note by Lord Chancellor Clarendon, desiring that the petitioner may have the office.

Nov. 30. Warrant for a grant to Edward, son of Col. Tho. Seymour, of the place of Messenger of Receipt of the Exchequer, void by death of Thos. Benhow, sen. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 320.]

Nov. 30. Oxford. 141. Lord Arlington to Justice Twysden. On the certificate of several gentlemen of Sussex in behalf of Mr. Hepden, the King wishes his release on bail, and having taken legal opinions thereon, directs the justice to have Mr. Hepden brought before him, with his prosecutor and witnesses, and then if he find cause, to suffer him to be bailed.

Nov. 30. 142. Proposition by Fabian Philipps of plans for the maintenance of the royal household, in lieu of the unhappy release of purveyance, by which the King lost 80,000*l.* a year, though the people were not charged with more than 40,000*l.* [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 30. Oxford. 143. The King to Lord Mordaunt, constable of Windsor Castle. Complaint has been made that Wm. Tayleur, surveyor of works there, detains divers rooms in the timber yard belonging to the officers of the works, in contempt of commands to the contrary. The Mayor of Windsor also complains that he not only refused to pay his share of the tax laid for providing pest-houses for such as are visited with the plague, but persuaded others to do the same. He is therefore to be confined in the castle till the King's further pleasure be known. [2½ *pages.*]

Nov. [30.] 144. Draft of the above. [3 *pages.*]

Nov. ? 145. Petition of Dr. William Basset, new sheriff of Glamorganshire, to the King, to be excused the office for this year, being so afflicted by a consumptive disease as to be unable to fulfil its duties with the constant vigilance which these times require.

Nov. Memoranda [by Williamson, from the Signet books] of warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow :—

Lease to Sir Nic. Crisp and three others of the alum works, on payment of 5,260*l.* yearly rent, whereof for the first four years 1,000*l.* is to be paid yearly to Sir John Harrison in recompense of his surrender of the Earl of Mulgrave and Sir John Mounson's mines.

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Note that Sir Wm. Temple, resident at Brussels, had 500*l.* for equipage, and 100*l.* a month, beside intelligencers' bills, &c.

Grant to Mr. Progers of the keepership of the North Park, Hampton Court.

Note that Sir Thos. Gower had a free gift of 2,250*l.*

Grant to the Farmers of Excise of London and Middlesex of 21,000*l.* allowance from their rent, in consideration of their losses by the plague.

Grant to Mrs. Juliana Coningsby, who assisted His Majesty in his escape, of 200*l.* out of the receiver of Dorsetshire. [*Dom. Corresp., July,* 1665.]

[Nov.] 146. M. De la Fabvollière, engineer, to Lord [Arlington ?]. Has been in the King's service 14 months, at a salary of 180 jacobuses a month, and only received 110 jacobuses. Entreats payment of the 100 still due. [*French.*]

Nov.? 147. M. Cullen to Williamson. Requests him to forward a letter, as the post miscarried. Wishes he would come to eat plum pottage at Rushton this Christmas.

Nov.? 148. Robt. Southwell to [Williamson]. Wants Lord Arlington's seal putting to the parchments brought by the bearer. Endorsed "An order of the Comrs. for the sale of the Duke of Richmond's prize."

Nov.? 149. Hen. Hughes to [Williamson ?]. Singularity and tranquillity express dialogues in modern actions and institutions dissipate alacrity. Gives the contrast, as drawn by his friend Little-to-do-talk-all, between a countryman just come to town, who takes off his hat by the crown, claps you on the shoulder, or in saluting a lady, butts out one or two of her front teeth, and the same man, when he has lodged a few months there, one leg speaks French, another Italian, and his body Spanish. The great ship lately built at Woolwich is stolen; it is said Capt. Arthur has taken her for his north-west voyage. The church in Covent Garden is pulled down, and a stately palace to be built for the Duke of York. The plague is very bad in London, especially about Doctors' Commons.

Nov. Deptford. 150. Account of six long-boats and six pinnaces required for seven ships ready to go to sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 151. List of payments to be made by Mr. Stephens out of the 26,000*l.* [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Nov. 152. Note of 12 anchors to be provided in Dean Forest for the new ships now building by Mr. Furzer and Mr. Baylie. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov. 153. Report of 23 ships in the river, giving the commanders' names, the number of men and prisoners on board, of guns, and the state of the victuals, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Nov. 154, 155. Two papers of memoranda, relating to the preceding report. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Nov.? 156. Quære as to whether, on the death of John Bishop of Salisbury and the consequent vacancy of the see, the King could present to a certain living in the gift of the bishop, the incumbent of which was elected next bishop, since until the bishop's consecration, the benefice is not void, and after that, the King has no further right, having restored the temporalities of the bishopric.

Nov.? 157. Account of moneys received by the Office of Works, beside those for the new buildings at Greenwich, from 1660, total 75,288*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*; with account of their monthly disbursements, 1660–1663. [3 *pages.*]

Nov.? 158. Request for a grant to the Commissioners for managing the trade to Mocho, on the Arabian Gulf, of two Dutch prizes for the voyage, His Majesty being pleased to interest himself therein.

Nov. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of ships in the Downs:—

| No. | Date. | Kings'. | Merchants'. | Wind. |
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| 159. | Nov. 4 | 4 | 8 | S. |
| 160. | 5 | 4 | 8 | S.W. |
| 161. | 6 | 4 | 8 | W. |
| 162. | 9 | 4 | 13 | S.W. |
| 163. | 10 | 4 | 13 | W. |
| 164. | 11 | 3 | 4 | N. |
| 165. | 12 | 5 | 2 | N. |
| 166. | 13 | 3 | 2 | W. |
| 167. | 14 | 5 | 3 | S.W. |
| 168. | 16 | 4 | 3 | N.E. |

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Dec. 1. Plymouth Fort. 1. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. There have been three vessels cast away on the north coast. Stayed two Hamburg vessels, lest they should give intelligence to the Dutch fleet as to where the convoys are; by the King's latter orders, all Dutch and Hamburg built ships, sailed by foreigners except Swedes, are to be stayed. The captains are going to Oxford to clear their ships. There are nine Dutch men-of-war off the mouth of the Straits, and they have taken a vessel of pilchards. The Duke of Beaufort is cruising with 12 sail about Malta, and is ordered to send all English ships into Toulon. Beaufort has several English engineers about him who want to quit the service.

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Dec. 1. Plymouth. 2. Major P. Fairborne to Lord [Arlington]. The raising recruits for Tangiers has been delayed by want of money, but Col. Norwood and Mr. Povey have procured some on credit, till the deputy lieutenants pay what they are ordered. Is going with Sir John Warre to procure men at Taunton, while Col. Norwood stays at Plymouth to receive 100 men from Pendennis. Asks what shall be done if the fleet sail before the levies arrive. The raising levies will prevent his return to Tangiers this convoy. A Tangiers captain with the fleet will take into his care the recruits, and an ensign whom Lord Belasyse ordered him to make. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 1. Plymouth. 3. Col. H. Norwood to Lord Arlington. The service advances slowly, because no money comes to hand; time will show whether Sir John Warre answers the King's confidence. Has borrowed money in the town to make an essay. If the fleet come on Saturday, will go to Pendennis to hasten the 100 men, if no order from Court has superseded the first. Has not tried what can be done by beat of drum at Exeter, that way being exceeding costly. Urges an order to take all the idle lounging men able for the sea. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 1 ? 4. Certificate by Sir Wm. Berkeley of Wm. Downes' careful discharge of duty as surgeon of the Swiftsure, with a list of 17 seamen of the Pelham ketch cured by him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 1 ? 5. Certificate by Wm. Hotchin, master of the Pelham ketch, of the careful attendance of Wm. Downes, master surgeon of the Swiftsure, to the said 17 seamen, from April 3 to Dec. 1, 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 1. The Elizabeth, Plymouth. 6. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sam. Pepys. The merchant will provide clothes for the frigate, upon receipt of a warrant for so doing, and assurance of being paid according to custom. Is in great want of tickets for discharging the seamen. His ship wants repairs. The Nightingale and Sorlings are in the Sound; the Coventry at Dartmouth. Capt. Deacons is expected; hopes he may escape the French, who speak very high, and who have orders to stop all English vessels and send them to Toulon; he escaped De Beaufort with 20 vessels in the Straits. Nine Hollanders are in the Straits' mouth. The French and Dutch are badly manned and very sickly; it is like them both to speak high when no enemy is near. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 1. Plymouth. 7. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Gives abstracts of his disbursements for ships, amounting to 607*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, and begs satisfaction. The Pearl is repaired and ready to sail. Proposes making up two tons of rosin, received from the Prize Office, into pitch, as rosin is not useful there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 2. The Speedwell, Yarmouth Road. 8. Capt. J. Lightfoot to Sir Wm. Clarke. The danger so large a frigate incurs upon that station is proved by the loss of above 20 sail in the last storm. Hopes to be speedily ordered into the river.

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Desires a warrant for Rich. Hugon, master's mate, at present in charge of the vessel, owing to the illness of the master. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 2. Woolwich Ropeyard. 9. Estimate by Wm. Bodham and Edw. Rundell, for building a gallery, 16 feet wide, to take up hemp without admitting carts into the yard; total, 29*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 2. London. 10. Antho. Stephens to Sam. Pepys. Has received 5,000*l.* from the East India Company, with assurance of 10,000*l.* more in a week. Capt. Kingdom will attend at the office for the Commissioners' receipt. So much of this money as is intended for the soldiers' tickets shall be so applied immediately. Wants a guard and, if possible, Mr. Pepys' own presence at the pay table, if only for a little time, to lay an awe upon the spirits of the soldiers. Wishes a clerk to assist in casting over the tickets. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 2? 11. Sir Wm. Batten to the Navy Comrs. Begs the discharge of Nicholas Goby, lately pressed into the John and Elizabeth, he being the only servant of a widow woman, whose barges are employed in bringing powder to the stores, and carrying saltpetre to Guildford. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

11. 1. *Petition of Margaret Bosworth to the Navy Comrs., for discharge of her said servant, having no other person known to her customers, or fit to manage the barge. Signed by Thos. Cowden and four others.*

Dec. 2. Yarmouth. 12. Thomas Dunn to the Navy Comrs. Reports the forwardness of the new frigate built by Henry and Edmund Edgar. They are much troubled that the bills for their second and third payments should be signed before the imprest bill for the first is issued, by which they have been kept out of their money all this while, and have taken a long winter journey to get it, being unable to pursue their lawful affairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Dec. 2.] 13. Note for Lieutenants' commissions for John Griffith, Morris, and Fras. Hoblin. Endorsed "Sir Chas. Littleton."

Dec. 2. Commission for John Griffith to be Ensign to Sir John Griffith in the Admiral's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 91.]

Dec. 2. Commission for Fras. Hoblin to be Lieutenant to Sir John Griffin [or Griffith]. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 91.]

Dec. 2. Commission for Arthur Ingram to be Ensign to Sir Chichester Wray. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 91.]

[Dec. 2.] 14. Note of the above commissions.

Dec. 2. Weymouth. 15. News letter. The Lizard has arrived, having taken without resistance a Dutch prize, laden with French wines. There are rumours of war with France. English goods there are stayed; Mr. Pley, a merchant of Weymouth, who was there, was obliged to buy a shallop to get home, and had guns shot after him. Four persons have died of the sickness at Sherborne, and many more are ill. The rich have left the town, and the poor are in great distress and have had a collection made for them.



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Dec. 2. Edinburgh. 16. Archbishop of Glasgow to Lord [Arlington]. The Council and commission meet, and have hot debates, but no steps are taken to remedy abuses. The Lord Commissioner is displeased with some eminent persons who always plead for the disaffected party. He has a hard task, and severity is much needed in his station. Hundreds and thousands of disaffected persons meet to preach and pray, yet not one is apprehended by the sheriffs or officers. Cited a few of those who called such meetings before the commission, but so many pleaded for them that their impunity will encourage others to worse things. If the King's difficulties grow, they will be ready to receive impressions from Dutch or French, and raise a new rebellion. Others make more favourable representations at Court, but this is true, and His Majesty should know it, that he may order more vigorous measures, which if neglected too long, the remedy will be difficult and dangerous. The Bishop of Galloway writes that many come to their conventicles armed with swords and pistols. [2½ *pages.*]

Dec. 2. Edinburgh. 17. Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. Disorders are confessedly greater than ever, but little care is taken to redress them. Is really condemned, though verbally commended, for his freedom. Begs that these disorderly convocations may be repressed, or if this advice be slighted, repentance may come too late.

Dec. 2. Deal. 18. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. The Success has brought in a prize. The Dutch have suffered much by shipwreck, and breach of the sea on their land.

Dec. 2. Courtenhall, near Northampton. 19. John Buchanan to Lord Arlington. At the request of Sir Sam. Jones, has taken from the parties themselves an account of the affront done to them and to the King's authority; the offenders are base clowns, enemies to His Majesty, and the gentry of the country desire their exemplary punishment. *Encloses,*

19. I. *Testimony and certificate of John Henshaw and two other menial servants of Sir Sam. Jones. On* 18 *Nov. they took away two low bells in Blisworth, which were given on demand; on their returning, Rich. Plowman, owner of one of the bells, with* 10 *or* 11 *others, assaulted and severely wounded them, recovered the bells, and said he would low bell, in despite of Sir Sam. Jones, at his very door, and the bells have been rung since.* [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 2. Cockpit. 20. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. The ship in which Capt. Harman went for Gottenburg has struck, and is in danger of being lost. The Prince of Munster is reported to be defeated. Two prizes are brought into Dover; the sickness decreases.

Dec. 2. Plymouth Fort. 21. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The bearers are the two Hamburg captains; requests their speedy dispatch, as they are lying at great charges.

Dec. 2. 22. Earl of Sandwich to Lord [Arlington]. Hears that his servant, Wm. How, used his name in persuading those who had the jewels

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from the [Dutch] Vice-Admiral's neck to sell them to him. There were eight diamonds, worth 4,000*l.* in India, or 12,000*l.* here. How sold one stone for above 100*l.* Has examined him; he denies much, but confesses some things. Has confined him on board the Royal Katherine; begs that the whole matter may be examined. [2 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

22. I. *Examination of* ——. *The lieutenant of the Prince, with 20 others, came aboard the East India prize, and carried away nutmegs and spices. The cockswain of the Adventure took from the Vice-Admiral's bosom seven bags of jewels, and gave the examinate one with 100 jewels in, which he sold to a gentleman of the Earl of Sandwich. Mr. How, his lordship's secretary, bought the seven bags and a great bag of silks for 7l. They frightened the examinate and others to sell them goods, by telling them the enemy would soon be upon them, and then the ship would be burned or sunk. Every chest was full of silks, velvets, &c.; sold a whole sack full for 5l.*

Dec. 2? 23. Petition of James Hickes, sen., of the Letter Office, to Lord Arlington and Sir Wm. Morice. Being advised of Mr. Muddiman's dismissal from Williamson's service, and ordered no longer to frank his letters, advised his correspondents thereof, but Muddiman accuses the petitioner to them of calumny and forgery. Has faithfully executed his duty in the office for 28 years, winning nothing thereby but his reputation. Begs that Muddiman may be summoned before them, and called upon to prove his false allegations. *Annexing,*

23. I. *List of Mr. Muddiman's correspondents, taken 27 and 29 Nov., and 1 Dec. 1665, with the postage that ought to have been paid for the letters.*

23. II. *Similar list, differently classified.*

Dec. 3. London, 7 P.M. 24. James Hickes to Williamson. Expects the Gazette out as early as desired in the morning; leaves to him the management of Muddiman's correspondents. The defective postmasters should be sent for into custody, and only discharged on promise of amendment and payment of fees: this would deter others.

Dec. 3. 25. James Hickes to [certain postmasters]. Their slow riding not only ruins the Post Office but the King's service passing through their hands. If they do not amend their pace, they will be considered abettors of designs against His Majesty, and dealt with accordingly. Dated Nov. 30 and Dec. 3.

Dec. 3. Portsmouth. 26. Hugh Salisbury to James Hickes. The Dragon and Milford, sent to cruise off the coast of France, report the Channel clear of shipping. Eight Dutchmen, belonging to a caper that seized a Newcastle ship laden with wines, and was driven by storm to Guernsey, were seized by the governor, and sent prisoners to Portsmouth.

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Dec. 3. Licence to John Hanbury, sheriff of Northamptonshire, to live out of the county; his house there being wholly unfurnished, it would be a great expense to him to remove thither. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 322.]

Dec. 3. 27. Report by Comr. Peter Pett of the numbers of men found on board 21 ships at Chatham, the last musters. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 3. 28. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. After detaining the ships hired to fetch staves from Hamburg five months at Harwich, at 900*l.* per month charge, in expectation of convoy, had resolved to discharge them had not convoy arrived in the meantime; fears now they will lie at Hamburg until the winter be over. Has removed victuals from Yarmouth; it is impossible, with safety, to send any into the Roads in winter time. Is preparing for the next year's declaration Wants money. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

28. I. *Wm. Brunton and five other Commanders of the ships hired to fetch staves from Hamburg to* [*Gauden*]. *The year is far spent, and convoys not yet arrived. There will be no hope of returning before next spring; the ships are disabled, the men pressed away, provisions spent, and money all gone; desire to be dismissed.* [*Copy.*] *Ipswich, Oct.* 17, 1665.

28. II. *Denis Gauden to the said Commanders. Doubts not but the men are restored by this time, by the Duke of Albemarle's order. The expedition to Hamburg is as unprofitable to him as unpleasing to them, yet cannot be dispensed with. Is advised that convoy is ready, only waiting to see what will come of the Dutch fleet. Hopes they will still be able to return by December, before the frost sets in. Would have paid their freight beforehand, but for disappointment of money, owing to the sad calamity of the plague.* *Oct.* 21, 1665.

28. III. *Denis Gauden to the said Commanders. Has yet no advice of convoy; fears it will be impossible for the ships to go and return until the winter be over. Will detain them no longer in expectation, unless they can proceed without convoy; otherwise the ships may be disposed of, and orders shall be given for their respective payments.* *Nov.* 23, 1665.

28. IV. *Thos. Clark and John Gibbs, victualling agents at Ipswich, to* [*Mr. Gauden*]. *Convoy is arrived for the Hamburg fleet. The commanders appear unanimous about the difficulty to be encountered in the voyage, and the certainty of having to remain there till next spring at great charge, and propose to defer the expedition for this year.* [*Copy.*] *Nov.* 28, 1665.

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28. v. *Denis Gauden to the Victualling Agents. Cannot change his orders concerning the Hamburg ships; the importance of the affair is well known. To have ships in readiness and discharge them when convoy appears, were to bring loss and miscarriage upon himself; leaves them to their own resolutions with the commander-in-chief.*
*Nov.* 30, 1665.

Dec. 3. 29. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Has made every endeavour to supply the wants of Portsmouth; 2,000 bags of biscuit wait only only a wind to sail. No fish is to be had, except a small parcel of poor jack; oatmeal is in readiness. If money can be procured, will deliver them flesh or butter or cheese, in lieu of fish. Wishes some certain rules were laid down for these extra cases, that he might know how to govern and provide, without being at the pleasure of every commander or purser. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

Dec. 3. 30. Sir Wm. Batten to Sam. Pepys. Has given directions about the new ship at Yarmouth. Expects samples of hemp from Mrs. Pley; 12 of the Straits fleet are out. Would be glad to be dismissed his employment. Fears the plague is there, three ships' officers are dead. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. The Martin, Dover Pier. 31. Capt. Wm. Kempthorne to the Navy Comrs. Defective state of the Martin; begs orders for her repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. Wivenhoe ketch, Hull. 32. Capt. Wm. Berry to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Blaydes cannot fit out the vessel as it ought to be, though he has done his best. Has heard nothing of the Golden Buss since parting with her at Tilmouth [Tynemouth?]. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. Hull. 33. Wm. Blaydes to Sam. Pepys. Has begun the works of the Wivenhoe ketch. Can supply all necessaries except a mast; as to further credit, is ready to do his utmost in the service, but "all rivers empty themselves into the sea, and it is expected the sea should supply them again;" therefore begs the settlement of his old bill for 44*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* as a little encouragement. Account of ships in the Humber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. Lynn Regis. 34. Seth Hawley to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has declined a command in the navy by reason of his years. Can do more real service in the ropemaking trade. The place produces hemp little inferior to that from Riga. Will send a sample on trial, but the stock being small, can give but little trust. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. Dover. 35. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has sent out a boat to look for the Paul's anchor and cables. Proposes making unserviceable cables into twice-laid stuff and oakum. Wants money and stores. Repairs of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 4. The Monk Ousely Bay. 36. Capt. Thos. Penrose to Sir Wm. Clarke. Notwithstanding the promise of a dozen pilots to be furnished from Woodbridge, not a man of them can be produced; sends their names, as also those of the pilots appointed for the Hamburg expedition, who all refused to go. The commanders resolve to make a virtue of necessity and set sail without them. The Martin is not yet arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 4. Warrant for a blank grant in reversion of a Land Waiter's place in the port of London. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 321.]

Dec. 5. London. 37. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends him a book of maps, with the stages and branches traced out. Peter Cole, the printer and bookseller, has been found hanged. Sends three post labels; the postmen at Abingdon and Hounslow are most to be blamed. An express can come from Oxford in 11 hours, while the King's letters are 17, 19, and even 27 hours. *Encloses,*

37. I. *Post label of a packet sent by Lord Arlington from Oxford, Dec. 5, 9 p.m., and ordered to be forwarded with all diligence; it reached Abingdon at 3 a.m.; Nettlebed, 9 a.m.; Maidenhead, 11½ a.m.; Hounslow, 3 p.m., and London 6 p.m. on the 6th. With note from Jas. Hickes, that the postmaster of Abingdon deserves all possible severity, though he will outface all with lies and protestations.*

37. II. *Similar label of a packet sent by way of Maidenhead, to avoid delay at Hounslow, which left Oxford December 4, 11 a.m., and reached London the same night, between 9 and 10.*

Dec. 5. 38. Petition of the Wives and Friends of 80 Captives in Algiers, seized in October 1664, from two Plymouth vessels taken by Algerine men-of-war, for assistance; are unable to raise a relief for them themselves, having the charge of their families. With note of their names. *Annexing,*

38. I. *Attested list of persons from Plymouth, taken captive by the Algerines.* *Plymouth, December 4, 1665.*

38. II. *Ben. Gaich, mayor, and Nath. Abbott, bailiff of Weymouth, to Lord Ashley. The King was petitioned when at the town for redemption of the captives in Algiers, and referred the case to his lordship, who promised that it should be done. The poor people are importunate to get out of slavery the 11 captives whose names are given. Endorsed. "Remember when there is a new consul for Algiers."* *Weymouth, November 20th 1665.*

38. III. *Note of two Portuguese Jesuits, Antonio de Fontes and Inacio de Mattos, residents in Algiers, who are often relieved by the English consul there.*

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Dec. 5. Deptford. 39. Humphrey Cadbury to the Navy Comrs. Men are unwilling to come and work in the yard unless forced to it. Asks in what time the masts will be required for Harwich, as there is little done to them yet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5. The Phœnix. 40. Sir John Mennes to Sam. Pepys. Robt. Mackarell has permission to sell his lading at Harwich, and have his vessel restored; but he is so necessitated for money, that he can neither pay the incidental charges, nor support himself, nor hire labourers to help unlade. He wants 50*l.* imprest to be defalcated out of his freight; if this can be safely done, is willing to sign the bill. Has just found a quantity of concealed goods in the hold [of the Golden Phœnix], which will take two days more to unlade. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5? Harwich. 41. Philip Lyon, gunner of the Rupert, to the Navy Comrs. Asks whether he is to be supplied with junk from Harwich or the Tower. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5. Plymouth. 42. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has no sails in store for fourth-rate ships, nor canvas to make any. Wants cables. Could not supply the Paul with them. A pinnace is wanted for the Nightingale. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5. Deal. 43. Tim. Gardner to the Navy Comrs. Finds that when recovered seamen are sent on board their ships, the change from convenient lodging and diet brings on relapse, and the charge of their latter cure is more than the former; has no less than 150 men so returned. There is great want of clothes. Asks for a list of the ships to be sent abroad, and of those remaining at home, so as to be able to dispose of the seamen. A "Little Breviat" would be a useful help. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5. Portsmouth. 44. Sir Wm. Batten to Sam. Pepys. Wants the Friezland's bill of lading before his departure for London. Three waggons of clothes and one of surgeons' chests have arrived. There is a poor supply of victuals. They are forced to take bread out of the ovens to carry on board the ships. Sir Jer. Smith wants the general instructions and other papers concerning the government of the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5. The Norwich, Downs. 45. Capt. John Wetwyng to Sir Wm. Batten. Wants a purser. Has taken in 10 weeks' victuals, but received no money for wood and candles. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5. Woolwich, 6 P.M. 46. Chris. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Thinks the Providence fire-ship not worth repairs. She may lay up in Ham Creek until sold or broken up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 5. Navy Office, Greenwich. 47. Navy Comrs. to the Storekeeper and Clerk of the Cheque at Deptford. Require explanation of the breach of instructions committed by receiving Mr. Harbin's canvas into the stores without

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warrant; ask by what vessel it was afterwards sent to Chatham, who paid for its transportation, and what other incidental charges were incurred.

Dec. 5.? 48. Note by the Storekeeper of Deptford, in answer to the above, showing the said canvas to have been received upon the representation of Mr. Harbin's own letter of a contract made for Deptford and Chatham. It was afterwards removed to Chatham by Sir Wm. Batten's orders, and the storekeeper there required to measure and give bills for it. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

48. I. *John Harbin to the Storekeeper at Deptford. Begs the receipt of 69 bales of canvas, made for Deptford and Chatham, according to contract.* *Nov.* 1, 1665.

Dec. 6. Norwich. 49. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The Edgars decline signing the bills for their 2d and 3d payments, until they receive the 1st, and will be in London shortly to get the error rectified. The merchant offering Flemish cordage is loath to abate anything of 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per cwt., considering his profit not equal to the charge. The captain, boatswain, and purser for the new frigate are appointed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 6. The Breda, Ousely Bay. 50. Capt. Jos. Saunders to Sam. Pepys. Has decided the difference between the purser and gunner. Finds it more a difference between themselves than any disobedience to the Duke of York's commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. Oxford. 51. The King to the Board of Greencloth. The waiters' table being suppressed from September 1663 to July 1665, the cupbearers, carvers, and sewers of the Queen had an allowance for board wages during the last nine months of that time. The same favour is to be shown to the same servants of the King, and a privy seal drawn for payment, if the assignment of 100,000*l.* will not suffice. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 7. Billing. 52. Lord O'Brein to Williamson. Hears that a neighbour of his is sent for to answer a complaint of Sir Sam. Jones, for catching larks with a low bell. Requests favour for him as a man of good repute in the country, and prosecuted by one that is very abusive. If he has damaged Sir Samuel, the law can decide.

Dec. 7. Perry. 53. Sir Edw. Hales to Williamson. Begs that Mr. Plowman and his other neighbours may be heard on his behalf. Sir Sam. Jones is malicious from former wranglings, and wishes to destroy Plowman and his family. Begs that the case may be left to the law.

Dec. 7. Rydal. 54. Dr. Thos. Smith to Williamson. Thanks for his letter and the Gazette, which gives much more satisfaction to all readers than L'Estrange's two whole sheets do. Begs to have them weekly.

Dec. 7. St. Columb. 55. Thos. Povey to Williamson. Is with the Earl of Bath and Col. Norwood, settling the affair of the 100 men with Lord Arundel; they will be had so soon that the ships will not have to stay for them. Wants orders to return, as Sir John Skelton and Col. Norwood can manage the rest. [2 *pages.*]

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Dec. 7. Letters patent granting to Edw., son of the late Thos. Seymour, the office of Messenger in Ordinary in the Exchequer. [*Original patent, emblazoned, and with a miniature of the King. Case B., Charles II., No. 5.*]

Dec. 7. 56. Col. Willm. Williams to the Duke of Albemarle. Is now in as good health as his age permits. Sacrificed to duty the employments purchased with the industry of his youth and expense of blood, and begs commendation to the King's favour. Endorsed "Col. Williams, *alias* Cromwell, for some consideration, being put by the Lieut. Cob's place to the Admiral's regiment."

Dec. 7. Cockpit. 57. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Has ordered Capt. Bennet's company to relieve Capt. Manley's at Winchester. Shipping must be provided at Portsmouth to carry over men and troops to Jersey and Guernsey. Wants an order for powder and shot for them, and victuals for 500 men for three months, at 6*d.* a day; the whole cost will be 1,050*l.* Pay for three months is wanted. Millions of damage have been done in Amsterdam, Haarlem, and Rotterdam, &c., by overflowing of water, fire, and lightning.

Dec. 7. Rotterdam. 58. Robt. Foreman to Sam. Stammard, merchant of Ipswich. All friends are well. Fears the continuance of the war will prevent their coming over. Also

Robt. Foreman to Sam. Stammard of Ipswich. Has received thanks, promises, and reward for his services. Will be sent over speedily, but will not stay in Ipswich for fear of discovery. Wants a convenient place provided; also all news, an account of the ships bound for the Straits, what ships are in Harwich, what is become of the Hamburg fleet, whether Monk is to go to sea, how the seamen stand affected, and whether they are paid. Great preparations are making against the spring; 200 sail will be ready in March. The French will now be as glad of the Hollanders' assistance as they of theirs. The French have taken some English merchantmen.

Dec. 7. Edinburgh. 59. Proclamation ordering all officers at arms, macers, messengers, sheriffs, &c., of Scotland, to forbid all meetings held on pretence of religion, by persons who withdraw from their own parish churches, as infusing poisonous and pernicious principles, to the confusion and ruin of church and kingdom; also to certify that all who attend them shall be counted seditious, and punished as such, and all ministers be subjected to the highest pains for sedition; all civic officers are to search in places where such meetings have been held, and apprehend the attenders; this order is to be published at the market crosses of all borough towns. [*Printed. 2 sheets.*]

Dec. 7. Warrant to pay to Col. Willm. Legg, Lieut. of Ordnance, 3,796*l.* on account, for the use of the garrison of Tangiers. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 7. Warrant to pay to the Earl of St. Alban's 2,000*l.*, towards the fortification of the Bowling Green in Jersey. [*Docquet.*]

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Dec. 7. Sayes Court. 60. J. Evelyn to Sam Pepys. Beseeches advice about supplying the miserable creatnres under the surgeon's hands with clothes, that they may be sent on board, and not spend five times the value in quarters. Asks tickets, as frequently promised, for the discharge of 50 old and incurable seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. Deptford. 61. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The Fortune and Good Hope flyboats are too short to carry the masts for Portsmouth: shall make them take as many boats as possible; asks where they are to be fitted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. Deptford. 62. J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. Reports what anchors, cables, and tallow are to be sent as store to Dover; a Dover or Sandwich boy may be used for their transportation. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7 Oxford. 63. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Approves the instructions for the victualling business. Directions must be sent to Hozeley Bay for Rear-Admiral Harman to supply a convoy for the ships with masts for Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. Dover. 64. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Account of sails delivered to Capt. Ball for the Success. Cannot get the Little Mary out while the wind is S.S.E.; the Henrietta and Martin are in harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 7. The Tower. 65. Sir John Robinson to the Navy Comrs. The Sub-Commissioners of Prizes have given orders concerning the five coal ships for the poor; desires the business to be forwarded. Has seen that peace is kept at their office near him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. Royal James, Blackstakes. 66. Sir Thos. Allin to Sam. Pepys. The fleet is ready to sail up the river; has sent up Mr. Stone with empty cask for the victualler; enquiries about two old warrants supposed to be lying in the office, for Mr. Witton to be purser and Fras. Gallant cook. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. Deptford. 67. Anth. Stephens to Sam. Pepys. Requests a considerable guard to be sent from Greenwich immediately, to restrain the rudeness and violence of the soldiers at the playhouse; they broke the windows and attempted the door. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 8. Warrant to pay to Robt. Child and Wm. Bowles, masters of the tents and toils, 1,322*l.*, for furnishing waggons, tents, and toils for the King's service. [*Docquet.*]

[Dec. 9.] 68. The King to the Deputy Lieutenants of Somersetshire. Sir John Warre, who is to enlist some men in and about Taunton, desires their concurrence therein. Doubts not that they use all industry and expedition, having received many evidences of their zeal and affection to the public good. [*Draft.*]

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Dec. 9. Cockpit. 69. Petition of John Abris to the Duke of Albemarle, for an order to Mr. Cooper, paymaster of St. Thomas's Hospital, to pay him 3*d.* per day, the allowance of the house for the five weeks that he has been in the hospital, having lost his left leg on board the Plymouth, 3 June last, and his right hand since. With recommendation of the petitioner, by the Duke, to the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen.

Dec. 9. Saltash. 70. Deposition of Dr. Nath. Eaton, before the Earl of Bath, lord lieutenant, and four justices of the peace for Cornwall. On 30th Sept. last, was discoursing with John Pengelly, servant to Fras. Buller of Shillingham, about the arrest of the deponent at Buller's suit, when Pengelly said that if Buller were tried in Parliament, he doubted not that he would find friends enough to take his part; but if Buller were questioned out of Parliament, it might cost the King as much as the five members did his father. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 9. Cockpit. 71. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Thinks Yarmouth needs no garrison, but the fort may be kept with a serjeant, two files of men, a gunner, and four matrosses. Some of the Dutch captains ran away after they had given their parole, and therefore those have been secured, but the three shall have their liberty on security; they had hired a ship to go away. Also

The Duke of Albemarle to Sir George Carteret. The King will allow him moneys on the farm of chimney money, if it be advised by counsel to be lawful. Will ask the Lord Chancellor to attend to the business, lest some lawyers, for the sake of their fees, should advise what is not fitting. Sir George Downing will try to get in money on the last Act, which will do well if the King will write him a letter that he can show, to make people confident of the security of advancing the money.

Dec. 9. Oxford. 72. Warrant for a grant to Rich. Acton, in reversion after Rob. Gregg, of the office of Examiner in the Court of Exchequer, in the county palatine of Chester.

[Dec. 9.] 73. Draft of the above, with a second reversion after them to John Acton.

Dec. 9. Oxford. Warrant for a like grant in reversion to Rich. Acton, for his own life and that of John Acton. [*Ent. Book* 16, *p.* 290.]

Dec. 9. 74. Estimate by the Navy Comrs. of the charge of wages, wear and tear, &c., for 35,000 men, employed at sea for one year; total, 1,277,500*l.*

Dec. 9. Privy seal for 37,959*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, for expenses of the navy in harbour for one year, ending June 24, 1665. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 323.]

Dec. 9. Privy seal for 182,500*l.* for wages, wear, and tear of 5,000 men, for a year, to make up the whole number to 30,000. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 323.]

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Dec. 9. Deptford. 75. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The want of ironwork is a great hindrance to the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 9. Kinsale. 76. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Is surprised at the return of his bills of exchange protested against; every disbursement has been by order; begs speedy redress, being utterly cut off from the usual means of repayment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 9. Sayes Court. 77. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Has sent to his marshal at Leeds to march away the prisoners from the Golden Hand and Prince William. Sir Wm. Coventry gives hopes of a supply of clothes for the lazars. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 9. Bristol. 78. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. As if other hindrances were not sufficient to obstruct the work, is now made to wait for money till the collector has paid other bills, some of four months' standing; begs a special order from the Farmers of Customs for immediate payment. Mr. Smith's summons is served, to appear before Council; the want of land carriage is the sole cause of delay in the progress of the new ship; a great quantity of timber might yet be brought in, notwithstanding the season of the year. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Dec. 9. Dover. 79. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. No trace can be found of the anchor and cables let slip by the Paul; the Little Mary is got out to sea; the French Ambassador has arrived, but the tide was too low to ship his horses. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 10. Deal. 80. John Culmer to Sam. Pepys. Has brought ashore all cables and anchors left in the Downs, and paid the men for their trouble; cannot find those lost by the Paul; thinks the buoy must have sunk. Particulars of stores in charge. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

80. I. *Receipt by Capt. John Earle and two others from John Culmer, for a decayed boat formerly belonging to the Briar, appraised at 2l. 10s.* *Deal, Nov. 25, 1665.*

80. II. *Names of seven ships whose anchors and cables, left in the Downs or elsewhere, have been secured and brought ashore by John Culmer, from Oct. 8 to Nov. 20, 1665.*

Dec. 10. The Revenge. 81. Warrant by Capt. Thos. Elliott to John Farmer to take charge of the Wood Merchant, a prize ship, as pilot, to London or Harwich, during the sickness of the master, George Roberts.

Dec. 10. Tower. 82. Sir John Robinson to Edw. [Sam.] Pepys. The bearer is to be empowered and employed to view the five ships for Newcastle; requests, on behalf of the poor, expedition in the business; delays are dangerous. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 10. Portsmouth. 83. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Hears from her son how difficult, how hazardous, and how chargeable it will be to furnish commodities from France, either during the plague or the war, yet is willing to prove herself a good subject, and renew the contract; has sent proposals to

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Sir Wm. Batten; the increased price is occasioned by the extraordinary charges, fees, and gratuities necessary for bringing the goods over by stealth; begs to be paid some money out of the Prize Office, just to enable her to keep up the home trade, at present in so hopeful a way; if the contract be renewed, a safe passport for the vessel employed must be obtained from the Duke of York, in case they require to use a French vessel. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 10. Plymouth. 84. Hen. Pike, deputy vice admiral, to Sir Wm. Batten. Asks directions concerning a Swedish ship laden with deal boards, stopped according to the warrant for stay of all naval provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 10. Ostend. 85. Benjamin Glanville to Sir Wm. Clarke. Alderman Backwell is embarked for England, intending to sail by way of Calais; being at Bruges with the Bishop of Munster's agent, bears that all things are in a good posture. Letters from Amsterdam state that Gen. Gorgas, with his wife and children, are taken, but such reports gain no credit. Has found some of the stolen tin. Salvage is required for the Martin's cables and anchors, which are taken up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 10. Plymouth Fort. 86. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Has sent to bring in thither a Hamburger taken into Falmouth by Capt. Robinson of the Elizabeth; hopes she will prove a prize. Asks how to send to the King samples of 10 sorts of marbles of the district, which Sir Bernard de Gomme's son ordered him to get polished for His Majesty. The 100 men from Pendennis will be at Plymouth to-morrow, and Major Fairborne is bringing 150 from Somersetshire. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 10. Exninge. 87. Col. Rich. Kirkby to [Williamson?]. Thanks for kindness to his brother William. Wishes one of Williamson's servants would write to him weekly.

Dec. 10. 88. Thos. Povey to [Williamson]. Proceedings with the Earl of Bath and Col. Norwood about shipping the recruits. Urges his own dismissal from the service. [2 *pages, almost illegible.*]

Dec. 10. Plymouth. 89. Col. H. Norwood to Lord Arlington. Has returned from Cornwall, having arranged with Lord Arundel about the 100 men who are to be transported by land; has bought large hammocks for them, and taken up all the clothes the place can afford. Will be happy if he can embark 200 men, though without a penny allowance, and leaving himself neither money nor credit to bring him home.

Dec. 11. Taunton. 90. Major P. Fairborne to Lord Arlington. Sir John Warre's interest, industry, and loyalty are so eminent that the whole country is at his devotion, and in 3 or 4 more days, he would have got 400 men; but being anxious to reach Plymouth before the fleet sails, is setting forward with 120 choice men, hoping to make them 200 on the road.

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The distance and the encouragement needful for the men make it very expensive. Sir John has lent 100*l.* on his credit and Col. Norwood's, there being a demur about payment of the 1,000*l.* ordered. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 11. Chapter House. 91. Dean and Chapter of Salisbury to the King. Signify their election of Dr. Alex. Hyde, dean of Winchester, to the bishopric, vacant by the death of the late bishop. [*Latin.*]

Dec. 11. Brereton. 92. George Brereton to Williamson. Asks direction and aid to obtain for himself and a brother some employment, either with the soldiers into France or otherwise.

Dec. 11. Warrant to the Officers of Greencloth to swear in Simon Manselli, appointed keeper of ice and snow for the King, granting him sundry allowances, and paying him arrears of wages from 6 Feb., 1665. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 325.]

Dec. 11. Warrant to the Comrs. for Prizes to discharge the Copenhagen, a Danish ship freighted from Hull to Bourdeaux, to return with wines for Sir Hen. Thompson of York, but brought into Portsmouth by one of the King's ships of war. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 326.]

Dec. 11. Grant to Maurice Deladale of the office of Keeper of the upper house in Windsor Castle, with the leads and great butts there, void by the death of Fras. Young. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 11. Dover. 93. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Proposes the Dover hoy for bringing down stores required. A new cable is delivered to the Martin. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 11. Chatham Dock. 94. Phin. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Cannot go forward with the works of the Victory and new 3d-rate frigate, without an immediate supply of plank; thinks some might be had from Suffolk; there is much clamour amongst the shiprights, they having been six weeks without board wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 12. Portsmouth. 95. Capt. John Tyrwhitt to Sam. Pepys. Sends the three tickets of Thos. Watts, according to directions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 12. Deptford. 96. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. More calkers are wanted, as 6 fly boats have to be fitted out for Newcastle. Asks a warrant to [Chris.] Pett for some to be dispatched from Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 12. Oxford. 97. John Fenn to Sam. Pepys. Sir Geo. Carteret desires a warrant for Walter Bonner to be master of the Oxford frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 12. The Good Hope. 98. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. Has put ballast on board; thinks that 15 men and a boy, with master, mate, carpenter, and boatswain, will be sufficient for the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 12. Bocking Hall, Essex. 99. Wm. Barker to Sam. Pepys. Contracted with the Navy Comrs. for the supply of cable yarn for Woolwich, but was unable to deliver it, owing to the sickness appearing in his ropemaker's family; all is safe now; requests an order for the receiving of it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 12. Chatham. 100. John Cox, Jas. Norman, and Phil. Barrow, to the Navy Comrs. Account of 9 anchors wanted to refit the ships in harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 12. 101. Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Comrs. There is no need of a new agreement, as no new demand is made since the Gottenburg ships were sent for masts, the King bearing the risk, paying the whole freight, and allowing him the small prices agreed on in 1664; though masts be risen 15 per cent., and all duties and customs advanced, will still allow as much for freight as in time of peace; the only risk the King runs, besides that of sea, is that the ships, by accident of war, may be detained; can admit no lower rate nor harder conditions; shall wait orders as to hiring other ships, when the 10 daily expected from Gottenburg arrive, and the spring comes on to open the harbour. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 12. Woolwich Dockyard. 102. Chris. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Has not yet consulted with Captain Badiley and Mr. Shish as to what guns should be ordered for the Dutch prizes; wishes orders for their repairs; it is usual for the owners of contract ships to supply dead eyes for the chain plates, unless any agreement be made to the contrary. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 12. Oxford. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive into his custody Roger Jones, concerned in the late plot in Yorkshire, and Thomas Dell the elder and younger, for seditious practices, and for harbouring and concealing the escape of Jones; also to prevent their having any communication with each other. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 276.]

Dec 12. Minute of the above, and of an order to convey them from Hertford gaol, to be brought under a safe guard to the Tower; and to a person to conduct them. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 326.]

Dec.? 103. Request for a warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 20,000*l.*, for raising new men, and advancing the pay of several garrisons.

Dec. 12. Privy seal for 20,000*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox as requested. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 327.]

Dec. 12. Warrant for a grant to Percival Stanney of the office of King's Letter Carrier, void by death of Thomas Parnell; fee, 10*s.* a day. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 327.]

Dec. 12. Privy seal for 800*l.* to the Treasurer of the Navy, for secret service. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 328.]

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Dec. 12. Warrant for a grant to Thomas and Robert Killigrew, in reversion after John Thorpe, of the office of Water Bailiff of the Thames, between Staines Bridge and the head of the river. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 328.]

Dec. 12. Warrant for a grant to John Lord Berkeley and Sir Hugh Pollard of the estate of Peter Cole, bookseller of London, forfeit by his committing suicide, on their paying one half of the value thereof towards building the King's house at Greenwich. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 328.]

Dec. 12. Plymouth. 104. T. Povey to [Williamson]. Is languishing for the fleet, the wind being favourable. Begs leave to return, his affairs being disordered by long absence. Major Fairborne has raised 150 men by beat of drum, and could easily have raised three times the number. Expects the men from Pendennis to-morrow, and has all ready for them. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 12. West Horseley. 105. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Williamson. His letters and gazettes are most welcome. Knows nothing of occurrences any other way. Wishes Lord St. Albans had brought any satisfaction from France about the ships taken in the Mediterranean. Wishes the Swedes would join the Bishop of Munster, or the French King withdraw them to his party. Begs news from the fleets, &c., and the gazettes weekly. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 12. The Mint. 106. Jas. Hoare, comptroller of the Mint, to Lord Arlington. Sends him, according to the Duke of Albemarle's orders, an account of the trial which has just been made at the Mint of some Japan copper. *Encloses,*

106. I. *Account of the said copper, that it is equal to the best Swedish copper in fineness, and is pliant and easy to work.* *December* 7, 1665.

Dec. 12. Cockpit. 107. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Those at Portsmouth must be careful about a supply of victuals and ammunition for the ships going to Guernsey and Jersey. Victuals cannot be had in London, unless the money be advanced. Col. Morgan should be settled in Jersey, as Col. Atkins is in Guernsey, and 500 muskets and 500 pikes should be sent. Mr. Godolphin should have 200*l.* to repair his castle and some small stores. As to provision, they should buy it there and lay it out on the soldiers, and pay themselves again: it would be the surest way for the King's service, and they would be no losers by it. There is danger of the Dutch and French being beforehand at the island. Two ships should be sent to the Governor of Barbadoes about the business. Number of deaths [in London], 442; of plague, 243; parishes clear, 73; increased, 14. [1½ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

107. I. *Information from a Dutch prisoner of the intended dispatch of ships to the West Indies. Exchange of prisoners. The Dutchmen who escape prison are con-*

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*veyed across by Giles Johnson of Dover; 60l. has been collected in Flushing for English prisoners. The Dutch promised their seamen to have their pay, if any of the ships were taken, sunk, or carried into England, but they have not performed their promise to those whose ships were sunk or burnt.* *Dec.* 12, 1665.

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Dec. 13. York. 1. Sir Fras. Cobb to Williamson. Thanks for his letters and his print, and begs continuance of the latter. Hopes soon to write to Lord Arlington.

Dec. 13. London. Sir And. Riccard, governor, and John Jolliffe, deputy governor of the Levant Company, to Sir Willm. Coventry. On his opinion that the Smyrna ships had better not run the hazard of the French fleet, have ordered them to wait the convoy, which they request may proceed to Smyrna, if it do not meet the ships at Messina or Zante. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 118.]

Dec. 13. Yarmouth. 2. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Wm. Watts, collector of customs at Yarmouth, was suspected of a hand in the plot last Midsummer, and contrived, by intercession or money, to have a stop put to his examination by Lord Townsend. He cannot now clear his accounts, and the farmers of customs have ordered that he receive no more money till he has cleared them. He has lately been very inquisitive after arms, and it is feared that he has a quantity somewhere. He is buying horses, and had a scurrilous song on the nobility. He comes to church once a month, but never receives the sacrament.

Dec. 13. Papers relating to the Hopewell pink, viz.:—

3. John Fortescue to Elias Hine. Upon coming to Deptford, found the Hopewell pink, designed to carry his Royal Highness's provisions, on the ways; she will be ready to-morrow. One lighter came down with part, which he has taken care of until they are put aboard. Prays him to hasten the master's press warrant and victuals. Sends her dimensions. Deptford, March 16, 1665.

4. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that John Burrows, late master of the Hopewell pink, has cleared his account as well for victualling as water casks; with request that the freight due for the said vessel's service may be respited until Elias Hine, who commanded her the first part of the voyage, passes his account. Victualling Office, Dec. 2, 1665

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5. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Elias Hine, late commander of the Hopewell, has cleared his account for victualling between the 27th March, 1665, and the 19th July following, from which time to the 10th October, the end of the voyage, John Burrows has discharged the account. Victualling Office, Dec. 9, 1665.

6. Certificate by Jonas Shish of the size, &c., of the Hopewell pink, being 107 tons. Dec. 9, 1665.

7. Thomas Cowley to Mr. Hayter. The Hopewell pink began wages the 14th March 1665, and John Burrows entered the 7th July following. Dec. 12, 1665.

8. T. Hayter to the Storekeeper, Clerk of the Works, and Shipwright's Assistant at Deptford. The Hopewell being discharged, and her owners to be satisfied for her freight, requests they will give an account of the charge for graving her while at Deptford, and also whether any stores were supplied which the owners ought to pay for. With reply by Jonas Shish and Benj. Bond, that the graving of the pink is worth 7*l.* 10*s.* Gravesend, Dec. 13, 1665.

Dec. 13. Deptford. 9. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The Rainbow fly-boat will carry all the masts, &c., appointed for Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 13. Cockpit. 10. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desires that one of the master's attendants may be appointed to give him an account, every Wednesday morning, of ships in the river and their readiness to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 13. Sayes Court. 11. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Is anxious to clear all the ships at once of prisoners and recovered seamen. Requests a warrant, empowering John Rowlandson, the marshal at Leeds Castle, to press boats for their transportation to Gravesend. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 14. Harwich. 12. Account of the quantity and value of goods delivered to 32 merchant ships named, since 22nd June, to be defalcated from their bills when discharged; total, 1,445*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* [*Adm. Paper, 17 pages.*]

Dec. 14. Portsmouth. 13. Thos. Eastwood to Sir Wm. Batten. Particulars of timber tendered by Clements and Benson; begs pity for the poor carters and workmen in the New Forest, who are in great want of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 14. Gravesend. 14. Fr. Hosier to the Navy Comrs. The seamen and soldiers discharged at Chatham apply to the Mayor of Gravesend for money to pay their passage up to London, threatening if refused, to travel by land, and take what victuals they can find in the way; a tilt boat has been hired to convey them, and money given for present necessities, to prevent clamour and mutiny. Bills of imprest are desired, as before in the Dutch war, by means of which 3*s.* or 4*s.*

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may be given to each man, and deducted afterwards on the payment of their tickets. The mayor has already paid 24*s.* 6*d.* to Rich. Rye, master of the tilt boat, to carry 51 soldiers who came from Chatham from the Triumph. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 14. 15. Estimate by Jonas Shish and Capt. Wm. Badiley, for repairs of the Fountain; total, 147*l.* 10*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 14. Deptford. 16. Capt. Wm. Badiley, master attendant, to the Navy Comrs Mr. Porter refuses to give up the five ships, until their inventories are taken and appraisements made. Repairs of ships. Expects the Slothany daily. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 14. Victualling Office. 17. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. The Pearl frigate is ordered to be victualled for four months. Cannot stow her due proportion of beer. Asks how the remainder shall be made good. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 14. Licence for Sir Heneage Fetherston, Bart., sheriff of Essex, to live at Much Hadham, co. Hertford. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 322.]

Dec. 14. Oxford. 18. Warrant to the Officers of Customs in the port of Lynn to restore to the servants of Edward Earl of Sandwich certain goods belonging to him, and to summon —— Godfrey, who seized them, to answer for the affront done to the said Earl. [*Copy,* 1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 14. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 329.]

Dec. 14. Oxford. Warrant from the Commissioners of Prizes to Lord Ashley, to pay to Thomas Browne, agent to the Treasury for Prizes, 55*l.*, for travelling expenses, with extra allowance for crossing the country to avoid infectious places. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 329.]

Dec. 14. Warrant to George Duke of Buckingham to preserve the game in the county of York. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 330.]

Dec. 14. London. 19. Sir Rich. Ford to Williamson. Has sent his letter to Mr. Jolliffe, who is in the country. There is no post in from Holland. Three East India ships of good value have arrived from Surat.

Dec. 14. London. 20. Willm. Bishop to Williamson. Requests, on behalf of his master, Thos. Verbecq, an order for landing custom free some Rhenish wines, sent by De Gloxin of Mayence, as presents for Williamson, Lord Arlington, and the Lord Chancellor.

Dec. 14. Putney. 21. H. Gregory to [Williamson]. Has something profitable to them both to communicate at their next meeting. Fears he should be unable to take such a post as Mr. Whittaker's, writing no good hand, and being a stranger to the practical part of the business.

Dec. 14. Warrant for a royal assent for Dr. Alex. Hyde, chosen Bishop of Salisbury, in place of Dr. John Earles. [*Ent. Book* 19, *p.* 52.]

Dec. 14. Oxford. The King to the Ordnance Comrs. Desires them to admit Capt. Valentine Pyne to the office of Master Gunner of England;

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James Weymys appointed thereto by the late King, being absent on other services in Scotland, cannot attend to it, and will be otherwise provided for. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 92.]

[Dec. 14.] 22. Draft of the preceding.

Dec. 14. Cockpit. 23. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Has sent for Capt. Roger Jones, and he is now in the Tower, but he is not the Jones who wrote the book. He is a surgeon, a blockheaded fellow, stout, and disaffected to government; will send orders for the other two. Begs consideration for Col. Williams, as he had not the lieutenant-colonel's place in the admiral's regiment.

Dec. 14. 24. Robt. Southwell to [Williamson]. Wants Lord Arlington's seal putting to inhibitions for or remissions to six vessels named; also to the commission for appraisement and sale of the Victoria.

Dec. 15. Manby. 25. Sir Jo. Bennet to Williamson. Thanks for a letter. A plot will be heard of from York. Designs are better laid at a distance, that people may be sure never to hear the truth. Lady Mulgrave returns his compliments.

Dec. 15. Plymouth. 26. Tho. Povey to Williamson. Is preparing to leave, and hopes to reach Oxford on Friday. Has seen the provision ships under sail. All the Tangiers ships are ordered by Sir Jeremiah Smith to ride at anchor at Plymouth, till the convoy calls them out. All is ready on board the frigate for the men marching from Somersetshire; 90 brave young fellows from Pendennis were shipped aboard the victuallers. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 15. Hull. 27. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. The Hamburg ships with their convoy are still in the Humber. The Gottenburg squadron passed by, sending into the Humber a man-of-war laden with Dutch pitch and deals for Hull, which will convoy the London ships that are ready.

Dec. 15. Warrant to the [Board of] Greencloth to pay to Tobias Rustat, yeoman of the robes, his full allowance of board wages in lieu of diet, for the year 1663–1664. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 332.]

Dec. 15. Oxford. 28. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer for prizes, to pay to William Gombledon, or to the Exchequer to be transferred to him, 12,179*l.*, due for jewels and for interest on former privy seals for money which has not yet been paid on account of jewels, as specified. [2¾ *pages.*]

Dec. 15. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 22, *pp.* 332–4.]

Dec. 15. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 20,000*l.* on account, towards raising new men, and advance of pay of several garrisons, by direction of the Duke of Albemarle. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 15. 29. Capt. Thos. Page to Sam. Pepys. Hears of the loss likely to be sustained by the widow of Lieut. Burrows through a ticket made out by him for her husband's discharge. The ticket was made out at Lieut. Burrows' own desire, as he wished to go to London

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to advance himself; would rather assist his widow than detract from her, but cannot do anything, the muster rolls being passed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. ? 30. Elizabeth Burrows to Sam. Pepys. Begs that Capt. Page may be reminded of money due to her husband as midshipman on board the Centurion, from June 28 until he was appointed lieutenant in September. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 15. Newcastle. 31. John Price to Sir Wm. Coventry. Fears to go about the work of discovering embezzled goods, without sufficient authority to inquire of and punish the offenders; wishes to be associated with Hum. Pibus in the work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 15. The Centurion, Hozeley Bay. 32. Capt. Mark Harrison to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived with part of the squadron and convoy from Gottenburg; Mr. Gosling, master of the St. Jacob, bought 15 barrels of powder from John Lech, deputy gunner of the Centurion, during Capt. Helling's time, and hearing that inquiry was made about it, ran away at Gottenburg. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 15. 33. Hab. Wiles to the Navy Comrs. Desires an order to receive the tickets of Thomas Ward and Nicholas Thomson, taken from the Coast frigate to serve him as mate and boatswain; also a warrant for the carpenter. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec 15. Dover. 34. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Norwich is arrived, bringing in four Flemish ships, some of which it is hoped will prove prizes. Repairs needed; the Martin is still in harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 15. The Unity, Plymouth Sound. 35. Capt. Thos. Trafford to the Navy Comrs. Has brought in eight ships taken between Alderney and Cape la Hogue; they pretend to be Ostenders, but their bottoms are Dutch. Sir Chris. Mings' orders are to bring into English ports all Dutch vessels, though sailed by foreigners. The Unity needs repairs; hopes when fitted to be sent to his first station. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 15. Cockpit. 36. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. The Duke of Albemarle's directions were to appoint some fit persons to impress seamen from merchant ships inward or outward bound, for the Resolution, Pearl, and other ships going out of the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 16. 37. Certificate by Chris. Pett and Thos. Priden of the third payment due to Mr. Johnson for his new ship building at Blackwall. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 16. Cockpit. 38. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desires that Lieut. Trelawney be discharged from the John and Thomas, to be employed on board the George. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 16. Chatham. 39. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Has imparted the orders last received to the pursers and stewards of the various ships in harbour; there are great clamours among the people for want of their board wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 16. Woolwich. 40. Certificate by Chris. Pett that the fireship Providence may well serve in the same capacity next summer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 16. Mary Rose, Woolwich. 41. Capt. Thos. Darcey to the Navy Comrs. After bringing the Gottenburg fleet in safety to within a league or two of Aldborough, was obliged to hasten homewards alone, by sickness which, if delayed, might have endangered his life; not five days' provisions are left on board; the ship needs repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

41. I. *Report of the defects of the Mary Rose by Wm. Cockrell, carpenter.* *Dec.* 16, 1665.

Dec. 16. Commission for James Roch to be Lieutenant to Capt. Thos. Cheek's company in Col. Russell's regiment of Guards. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 93.]

Dec. 16. Warrant for a grant to Elizabeth Countess of Guildford, with reversion to Mary Countess of Falmouth, of the place of Chief Keeper of Denmark *alias* Somerset House, in the Strand, together with 24 houses, rent 24*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, as now in grant to the Countess of Guildford from the Queen-Mother. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 335.]

Dec. 16. Chester. 42. Dr. Allan Pennington to Williamson. Wants the commission of Lewis Lloyd, as sheriff of Merionethshire, forwarded, as he requires it. Thos. Lloyd, the solicitor who should have brought it, paid 20*s.* for it, but 3*l.* more was demanded, which he thought more than usual, and would not give it. Sends the names of six commissioners who are to receive the sheriff's oath.

Dec. 16. Cockpit. 43. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Will send Mr. Barcroft to Guernsey and Jersey, with the ammunition, arms, and 5 months' pay, that they may be able to buy provisions. Sir George Carteret must also find moneys for transport of Capt. Mauley's company, and for victuals till they arrive. If the horse are to be made up to 100, they will want arms for 70. With marginal notes of the reply.

Dec. 16. 44. Report by Lord Treasurer Southampton and Lord Chancellor Clarendon on the petition of Sir Rob. Paston, that the farm of the customs on wood and wooden ware, earth and earthen ware, glass and glass ware, stone and stone ware, oranges, lemons, citrons, and pomegranates, requested by him, is included in the great farm of customs up to Michaelmas 1667; that it now yields about 3,300*l.* a year, and Sir Robert offers 2,700*l.*, or what His Majesty thinks fit.

Dec. 16. 45. Thos. Bedford, deputy of Sir Robt. Southwell, to [Williamson]. Wants Lord Arlington's seal to the inhibition concerning the goods of the St. Mary of Conception.

Dec. 16. Reading Gaol. 46. Chris. Bray to Lord Arlington. Begs help, having got into misfortune; is 14 weeks in arrear of his pay as one of the Guard, and has nothing for his family nor himself. Lord Gerard has his horse and arms. [2 *pages.*]

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Dec. 17. Exeter. 47. Thos. Povey to Williamson. The ships in charge of the Kent and Eagle frigates have sailed into the Sound. Had an uncomfortable journey on unfrequented roads, with none to break the ice, in a hackney coach which receives the wind in all parts.

Dec. 17. Cockpit. 48. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desires a bulkhead making for the Guernsey, appointed to convey 200 barrels of gunpowder to Guernsey. A small ketch is to be sent in company, to convey 20 tons of match, horse arms, carbines, saddles, &c.; the Guernsey is to be manned from some of the merchant ships in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18. Dover. 49. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Norwich frigate is come in, miserably torn with shot received at Bergen and other engagements; many ships are detained in port through rough weather; requests stores and payment of his accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18. Portsmouth. 50. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Thos. Mills has only an inventory of goods in harbour, but no order to sell nor treat, at any price; Sir Jer. Smith has set sail, with 10 ships and the Portsmouth ketch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18? 51. Petition of Thos. Burbidge to Mr. Pepys, for the carpenter's place on board the Hound, having served as carpenter's mate in several ships. *Annexing,*

51. I. *Certificate by Chris. Pett and Fras. Fletcher of the fitness of Thos. Burbidge to serve as master carpenter in the ship.* *Dec.* 18, 1665.

Dec. 18. Norwich. 52. James Johnson to Sam. Pepys. Requests favour to the Messrs. Edgar in procuring money for their three payments so long due; Sir Wm. Coventry particularly recommends them for encouragement. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18. Woolwich. 53. Chris. Pett and three others to the Navy Comrs. Report of the number of guns required for seven Dutch prizes named, and their progress in fitting out. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18. Nonsuch. 54. Wm. Burges to Sam. Pepys. Is concerned that Mr. Solby should receive a rebuke for neglect of service; he is misrepresented; knows him to be eminent for zeal and diligence, sparing no pains nor expense, even to the consumption of estate and hazard of life; is informed that his medicines came in well for time and goodness; entreats personal inspection into the affair. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18. Cockpit. 55. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. The Duke of York wishes one of the yachts to be made ready with all expedition for the Dutch Ambassador. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18. Deal. 56. Lambert Wood to the Navy Comrs. After much risk, through stress of weather, in gaining the Downs, can obtain no convoy nor directions how to act; being deeply laden, the provisions may take damage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 18. Chatham Dock. 57. Phin. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The defects of the Charles V., now in double dock, being more than ordinary, proposes bringing in other ships requiring less work, to be dispatched first. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 18. Oxford. 58. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Some copies of the last Act of Assessment should be sent into the several counties, for none will advance money on it till they know what it is, and if known before the tax is set, much of the stink will be lost. The Navy Officers have bought two ship loads of Norway goods on the credit of the Act.

Dec. 18. 59. Certificate by Thos. Swynfen that John Stileman has been prisoner in Ludgate since August 25, 1656, and works at his business as a watchmaker.

Dec. 18. York. 60. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. Neither the Act of Oblivion nor the King's further acts of mercy can extirpate the malignity left by the late rebellion. The persons named and others yet to be brought in were ready to tread their old steps. Sends a letter from a good hand from Scotland. *Encloses,*

60. I. *List of* 12 *persons committed to York Castle, December* 16 *and* 17. *Endorsed* "*Lord Frescheville.*"

Dec. 18. London. 61. James Hickes to Williamson. Will not lose an hour in dispatching the books of maps for the King. Some time ago, Mr. L'Estrange wanted to have his letters free as Mr. Muddiman had, but Sir Phil. Frowde refused it, and would not allow him, through one of his creatures at the post office, to receive his letters before the King's were given out. During the plague however, he got his letters free, through Mr. Browne, by favour of the Countess of Chesterfield. Asks if this is to continue, or he is to pay for them and take them at the office windowe when open, as others do. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 18. Windsor. 62. Dr. P. Mews to Williamson. Commends Mr. Rhodes, his curate for three years, for a promotion that now offers. Zachary Crofton, a revolted Levite, stickles mightily for a friend of his, whose doctrine will be as effectual as though he possessed the pulpit himself; therefore King and church would doubtless be well served.

Dec. 19. 63. List of 15 ships which sailed from Plymouth with Sir Jeremy Smith December 19, the Antelope following after.

Dec. 19. Cockpit. 64. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. The two Gells are now sent to the Tower. Knows Jones as an active man. The King promised Col. Williame 500*l.*, and if he had got it, he would not trouble him for preferment, but he freely quitted his service in Holland, and deserved it. Is sending the arms, &c., for Guernsey, making up the horse arms to 100. Money must be allowed for their passage food. The arms for the foot in Jersey should be sent from

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Portsmouth. A rising is intended on New Year's Day in Lancashire and Cheshire; it proceeds from some persons lately arrived from Holland. The deputy lieutenants should be written to, to secure disaffected persons. Cannot see that they can do anything but hang themselves. Has sent Goodall, one of them, to the Tower. Thinks Sir Augustine Carell [Coronel's?] business will come to little. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 19. 65. List sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of ships in the Downs, viz., two King's ships and two merchantmen.

Dec. 19. Plymouth Fort. 66. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Sir Jeremiah Smith has arrived with the fleet, so that they are in all 12 frigates; they will sail with the victualling ships this evening. There are 158 men from Somersetshire and 100 from Pendennis. Hopes Mr. Povey will not come to harm, as all was finished before he left.

Dec. 19. Harwich. 67. Rich. Marbury to James Hickes. Thanks for his favours; will not fail to impart news when any occurs.

Dec. 19. Westminster. 68. Edm. Godfrey to Fras. Lann. Memoranda to be imparted to Mountjoy Earl of Newport. The workhouse in the New Churchyard is finished, and the vault made the largest burying place in England. The Lord Chamberlain's letter, published by the King's order in all churches near Whitehall, has been of great use to prevent the swarming in of rascally lodgers, who, if they have not occasioned, have greatly spread the plague there, and brought more charge on the inhabitants than they are able to support. All the common sewers and watercourses have been cleansed against the return of the King and Court. Has paid Dr. Innard at the pesthouse 200*l.*, for services till All Hallow's Day, since which he pretends to higher terms, on some agreement with Sir John Baber. He and all his regiment are to be dismissed the pesthouse, except three warders and a nurse or two, to prevent its being pulled down as formerly. Has met Mr. Warcupp twice a week in Covent Garden vestry meeting; they have agreed well, and the people seem satisfied with their government, except some poor, who cry out through dearness of fuel, and want of employment because the King and Court are away, and some of the nobility and gentry forget their debts as well as their charity. They have ordered all churchyards where many have been buried to be filled up with fresh mould, and earth a yard high laid on the graves. They have arranged for the sessions in Westminster in January. They have printed orders that all who have left town without paying the rates due on the Royal aid will be liable to have their houses broken and their goods seized for the same, according to Act of Parliament. Wishes there were as good power for levying pest rate and poor rates, which are not half paid, those who are out of town paying nothing; therefore there is much inconvenience, although, thanks to benefactors, the poor are better cared for than in any plague time before. The week's bill increases in Westminster, but decreases in the neighbouring parishes. [3 *pages.*]

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Dec. 19. London. Levant Company to Sir Jeremy Smith. Understand that he is appointed to command a squadron going to Smyrna to convoy their four ships, which with two others at Malaga, are value 500,000*l.* or 600,000*l.* Entreat his protection of those ships; wish if possible, that some of the squadron may go for them to Smyrna, without the castles. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 119.]

Dec. 19. Bethnal Green. 69. Sam. Heron to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of hemp, pitch, and tar just arrived on Sir Wm. Rider's account. Asks to what stores they shall be sent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 19. London. 70. Thos. Wilson to Sam. Pepys. The victualler being in arrears of his former declaration, and not one penny impressed paid upon the last, thinks himself no way obliged to own any provisions in store, and refuses to give account thereof to any surveyor. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 19. Portsmouth. 71. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Knows not how to express sufficient thankfulness for the payment of her bill to Mr. Light. Shall rejoice to hear the propositions left with Sir Wm. Batten approved of as reasonable. Will endeavour to serve, either by contract or commission, with the greatest expedition. Has an ambition once more to fill the King's storehouse, which is very empty. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 19. Woolwich. 72. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Repairs needed for the Golden Phœnix. The House of Swede, now made the Dutch prison at Woolwich, might be fitted up with little charge, as a good man-of-war. Plank and spruce deals are wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 20. Portsmouth. 73. Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Comrs. Complains of his officers and men being all pressed away. Has no one left to take charge of the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 20. Weymouth. 74. Geo. Pley to the Navy Comrs. Has orders from the Duke of York to stop all vessels brought into port, laden with provisions and naval stores. Account of goods found upon a hoy and an Ostend ship, stopped in pursuance of the said order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 20. Chatham. 75. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The Slothany prize is a better and stronger ship than that at Blackwall, yet needs some repairs. The Guild de Ruyter will make a fine man-of-war. Proposes leaving the repairs of the Charles V. till the fleet is dispatched. Plank, knees, and deals are wanted. Requests a warrant to the storekeepers of Woolwich and Deptford, to supply old masts and decayed timber for making skides to lay guns upon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 20. Oxford. 76. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends a copy of the Duke of York's letter to Sir Chris. Myngs, for an account of men in the ships at Portsmouth and Spithead. Needs not urge the importance of the matter. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 20. Chatham. 77. John Coudre to the Navy Comrs. The canvas ship is unladen and ready to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 20. Bristol. 78. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Is now for the third time at Bristol, waiting orders to receive money. Desires the affirmation of Mr. Smith, justice of the peace for Gloucestershire, that the warrant for land carriage was not left with him, nor was he so much as called upon respecting it. Gives full particulars of the affair. Delivered the letter to Mr. Smith as he sat upon the bench, before all the other justices, and in presence of above 1,000 persons. He refusing to receive it, Lord Herbert opened and read it. Was told by Sir Baynham Throckmorton that there was no need of building more ships; the King had ships enough. Afterwards applied to Mr. Smith, with Capt. Geo. Whitthorne as a witness, for execution of the warrant, when he denied having received it. Has not fixed upon Mr. Smith more than any of the other justices, but when warrants are so long unexecuted, the fault must lie somewhere. The last warrant met with great respect, and the justices have unanimously set upon the work. [*Adm. Paper*, 2½ *pages.*]

Dec. 20. Commissions for Sir Thos. Morgan to be Captain of a troop of 100 horse, besides officers, and of a foot company in Jersey; also for John Hemingway to be Lieutenant of the same troop. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 93.]

Dec. ? 79. Petition of George Tomlin, His Majesty's embellisher, writer, and flourisher, to Lord Arlington, for an order to Mr. Williamson, to deliver without fees his warrant, already signed, to be paid by Sir Edw. Griffin, for writing and embellishing letters to the Emperor of Russia, Grand Seignior, Vizier Azem, &c., in 1662 and 1663, for want of which money he suffers much in credit, and for a protection from arrest meanwhile.

Dec. 20. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin to pay to George Tomlin 143*l.* 1*s.*, for writing and embellishing nine skins of parchment with the King's portrait, arms, and badges, being the articles of peace concluded between Great Britain and Turkey, and also for writing and embellishing letters to the Grand Seignior Sultan Mahomet, and the Lord Vizier. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 15.]

Dec. 20. Privy seal for 1,277,500*l.*, for navy services for 30,000 men employed in the King's ships for a year. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 334.]

Dec. Docquet of the above, dated Dec. 23.

Dec. ? 80. Petition of Sir Herbert Price to the King, to preserve him for the sake of his wife and children, from the extremity of misery into which he must fall, unless sustained by sovereign bounty.

Dec. 20. Warrant to the Officers of Greencloth to allow to Sir Herbert Price his board wages in lieu of diet for 1663 and 1664, notwithstanding the order to the contrary, and to confirm him in his place as master of the household. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 336.]

[Dec. 20.] 81, 82. Two drafts of the above.

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Dec. 20. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to remit to Mons. De Jean the freight and other incident charges on 203 tuns of French wines, taken on the ship Cat of Emden, and ordered to be restored to him, but he only received 153 tuns; these he had to leave in gage for 1,200*l.* [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 336.]

Dec. 20. The King to the Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant, and the Deputy Lieutenants of Cheshire. The mise payable to him as Earl of Chester is to be levied for repair of Chester Castle; meanwhile they are to pay to Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, governor, and Sir Peter Pindar so much of the militia money as shall be requisite for the said repairs, to be reimbursed from the mise. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 337.]

Dec. 20. Drayton. 83. Joseph Bentham to [Williamson] Thanks for care of his son Godfrey. His son Joseph is joyful at the news of going to Westminster. Sir Justinian Isham will gladly correspond with Williamson. "My lady" [Countess of Peterborough] is ill at Drayton; her mother [Countess of Thomond] promises to pay her debts, and bids her not be troubled about them. They complain of his silence at Billing.

Dec. 21. Cockpit. 84. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Dispatch of arms, &c., for Guernsey and Jersey. Sir Thos. Morgan, who is to command in chief, will have Lord St. Alban's troop and foot company; with four companies of foot, a troop of horse, and 5 months' pay, Jersey will do well. Hopes the navy victualler will get credit on the new Act for the Royal aid.

Dec. 21. Cockpit. 85. Sir W. Clarke to Williamson. The Dutch Ambassador has just taken his leave of the Duke [of Albemarle]. He was pleasant in discourse, and seems to wish for peace. The commander in the Downs is to appoint a ship for him to Flushing or Ostend. The plague decreases in Westminster. Sends a hasty draft of the establishment for Jersey. Wants a fair copy signed.

Dec. 21. Warrant to Col. Bullen Reymes to release Gerard Landwort and Henry Reyner, subjects of the Duke of Holstein, now prisoners of war at Winchester. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 338.]

Dec. 21. Privy seal for 4,000*l.* to Sir George Carteret, for the sick and wounded. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 339.]

Dec. 21. Privy seal for 60,000*l.* to be remitted to the Bishop of Munster, by the Treasurer of the Navy. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 339.]

Dec. 21. Privy seal for 10,000*l.* to the widows and orphans of such commanders as have been slain this war. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 339.]

Dec. Docquets of the three preceding privy seals, dated Dec. 23.

Dec. 21. Oxford. Proclamation forbidding the holding of St. Paul's fair, Bristol, on Jan. 25, on account of the plague, although the contagion has now in a great measure ceased. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 206.]

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Dec. 21. Edinburgh. 86. Proclamation by the Council of Scotland, ratifying the former order of July 12 against intercourse with England, on account of the plague which has not altogether ceased, the danger being now great because many may consider the late proclamation to expire in November, and therefore are renewing the intercourse. [*Printed.*]

Dec. 21. 87. Memorandum by Capt. Thos. Harwood of having delivered the Return to Capt. Thos. Staunton, according to order. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*

87. I. *Articles of agreement between the Navy Comrs. and Capt. Thos. Staunton, for hire and freight of the Return for six months certain, at the rate of* 10*s. per ton per month, to enter the service Feb.* 25, 1665.

87. II. *Certificate by John Brown of a cable belonging to the Return not delivered amongst other things, July* 5, 1665. *Harwich.*

87. III. *Receipt by Capt. Thos. Staunton of the hired ship Return being delivered to him by Capt. Thos. Harwood.* *Dec.* 21, 1663.

87. IV. *Memoranda of accounts relating to the payment of the said ship for* 9 *months* 26 *days.*

Dec. 21. 88. John Sealy to [Sam. Pepys]. Requests a warrant on the part of the owners of the John and Thomas, for the appointment of Rich. Crumpton as boatswain. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 21. Portsmouth. 89. John Tippetts to Sam. Pepys. Has issued the warrants for pressing shipwrights to the several places directed. Hopes to have a supply of workmen soon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 21. Playford, near Ipswich. 90. Henry Felton to the Navy Comrs. Has detained a ship laden with hemp and iron, in pursuance of the order to stop all vessels laden with naval provisions coming into port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 21. London. 91. Antho. Stephens to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Howell resolves to submit to the determination of Mr. Pepys. Asks directions concerning the money claimed by Comr. Pett, as ordered upon one of Mr. Morecock's bills in his hand, which should be paid to the Duke of Albemarle. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 21. London. 92. Rich. Howell to Sam. Pepys. Returns thanks for two bills signed to be paid. Is informed of the displeasure caused by the last bill allowed; thought it was known to be the second. Had the consent of Sir John Mennes and Sir Wm. Batten in sending it. Rather than give offence, will freely return the money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 21. Deptford. 93. Thos. Harper, storekeeper, to Sam. Pepys. Cannot spare the 20 loads of 4-inch plank, ordered to be returned by the Adam and Eve hoy. Offers to complete the lading with 2-inch plank, spars, balks, &c. Asks if Sir Wm. Warren's Norway goods may be ordered to one of the other yards, to save time and charges there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 21. Chatham. 94. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Requests an imprest to Mr. Boutwell, for procuring shipwrights and calkers before the holidays. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

94. *Phin. Pett to* [*Comr. Pett*]. *There is great want of* 40 *calkers and* 50 *shipwrights.* *Dec.* 20, 1665.

Dec. 22. 95. List of 22 shipwrights and 18 calkers pressed for Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 22. Cockpit. 96. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. The meetings of the Board must not be neglected during the Christmas holidays; the men in the yards are only to be allowed 3 days, there being so much business to be done before the end of March. Desires an account of what will be wanted for fitting out the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 22. 97. Certificate by Sir Thos. Allin, of his discharge of the Thomas and Rebecca ketch, as no further needed for the Royal James. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

97. I. *Acknowledgment by John Jettry of* 12 *men received out of the Thomas and Rebecca, on board the Royal James.* *The Hope, Oct.* 26, 1664.

97. II. *Acknowledgment by the same of* 28 *men received, out of the Thomas and Rebecca, on board the Royal James.* *The Hope, Oct.* 29, 1664.

97. III. *Names of* 50 *soldiers received from Wivenhoe, to be carried down to the fleet on board the Royal James.* *April* 18, 1665.

97. IV. *Account of money due to Capt. Thos. Harker, for hire of the Thomas and Rebecca, and for victualling and wages for his men.* *Dec.* 22, 1665.

97. V. *Affidavit by Capt. Thos. Harker, of his victualling account for seamen and soldiers on board the Thomas and Rebecca, at* 6*d. a man per day.* *Feb.* 21, 1666.

[Dec. 22.] Warrant to pay to Sir William Coventry and Henry Broncker, from the revenue of excise, 8,300*l.*, for secret services, without account. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 341.]

Dec.? 98. Petition of Leonard Pinckney and Henry Firebrace, 1st and 2d clerks of the kitchen, to the King, for their board wages for the year ending Sept. 1664; have nothing for their places but their small wages and board wages, and were admitted for their faithful services to the late King.

Dec.? 99. Petition of John Clement, 3rd clerk of kitchen, for an order to the Board of Greencloth, for payment of his board wages up to September 1664, having nothing else to rely on.

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Dec. 22. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow to the three chief clerks of the kitchen, Leonard Pinckney, Henry Firebrace, and Jo. Clement, their board wages in lieu of diet for 1663–1664, notwithstanding the warrant of suspension. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 342.]

Dec. 22. Letter to the Dean and Chapter of Bangor, recommending Dr. Robt. Price, Bishop of Fearne, in Ireland, as Bishop of that see. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 23. Warrant to Ralph Rutter and Edward Flower, messengers, to set at liberty Richard Plowman, sen. and jun., William Plowman, and Richard Creake. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 341.]

Dec. 23. 100. T. Tullie to Williamson. Deplores his displeasure. Protests against the suspicion of ingratitude. Mr. Provost could have no such influence on him as is suspected.

Dec. 23. Cockpit. 101. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. The East India Company wish the enclosed articles to be included in the treaty with Spain, which is very fit to be done. An order should be sent to Portsmouth for two boats for Guernsey, which Col. Atkins has often requested. *Encloses,*

101. I. *Clause proposed for insertion in the treaty with Spain that English manufactures be not esteemed contraband; that the certificates of their ships be credited; and that the growth of English plantations in America and the East Indies be freely transported to Spain.*

Dec. 23. 102. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Thanks for his intelligence and the warrant for the money. Asks the nature of the addresses requested. An intended rising is discovered in Lancashire and Yorkshire, which it is believed will prove more general. Tidings were sent to the Earl of Derby, who has ordered the captains of the country horse to be in readiness.

Dec. 23. Plymouth. 103. Sir John Knight to Williamson. Has given special charge for the safe keeping of Ramsden. Is attending there by order of the Court for prizes. His son has sent to Lord Willoughby some packets, with direction to cast them into the sea, in case of danger; others are to be sent to New England and Barbadoes.

Dec. 23. Oxford. 104. Petition of Timothy Tyrrell to the King, for addition of 31 years more to his lease of His Majesty's lands at Shotover, rent 100*l.*, nearly the full value, he having spent 2,000*l.* in buildings and enclosures. With reference thereon to the Lord Treasurer.

Dec. 23. 105. Duplicate of the above petition, with similar reference.

Dec. 23. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 194.]

Dec. 23. Cockpit. 106. Sir William Clarke to Sam. Pepys. The Duke of Albemarle desires that Hugh Glegg, late gunner of the Satisfaction,

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and Wm. Tilly, late carpenter of the Return, be provided for at the first opportunity. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

106. I. *Certificate by the Ordnance Officers of the fitness of Hugh Glegg to serve as gunner in any ship or frigate.*
*Ordnance Office, Nov.* 30, 1665.

106. II. *Certificate by Thomas Harwood of the fitness of William Tilly to serve as master carpenter in any ship or frigate.*
*Dec.* 22, 1665.

106. III. *Jonas Moore to Sir Wm Clarke. The Ordnance Officers, having knowledge of Hugh Glegg as an able gunner, can confidently recommend him for employment in the fleet.*
*Tower, Dec.* 23, 1665.

Dec. 23. Cockpit. 107. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Langford's letter shows the reason of his staying away from London; thinks it best to forbear sending the instructions until it be known whether or not he is coming up. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

107. I. *Wm. Langford to Sir Wm. Clarke. Is desired by Sir John Knight to remain at Plymouth until after the examination of the accounts; presumes it would not be agreeable to the Lords that his present charge should be neglected for pursuance of other gain, therefore shall venture to stay till further notice.*
*Plymouth, Dec.* 10, 1655.

Dec. 23. Deptford. 108. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Out of the 12 calkers pressed, but 4 have appeared. Thos. Elcock desires a ticket for the time he served under Capt. Dickeson, of the Golden Phœnix, that he may remain as calker at Deptford. Asks whether the men may work Tuesday and Wednesday, being the Christmas holidays. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 23. Portsmouth. 109. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Cannot proceed regularly in his business without an orderly balance, or men to take account of all remaining victualling stores; in the beginning of the affair, is tender of doing the least thing without written directions; has met with much difficulty in providing biscuit for Sir Jer. Smith's squadron; sends an account of his proceedings, to prevent misrepresentations; has quitted all private trade, and devoted himself entirely to the victualling business. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

109. I. *John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Amount of biscuit procured; one vessel, laden with* 14,000 *of biscuit, is dammed up with ice; was forced to cart the biscuit away to Cowes; is much straitened for boats; is obliged to pay* 13*s. per cwt. for all biscuits supplied, wheat being now dear; has been cautious of dealing with any bakers who are in contract with Mr. Gauden.* [2½ *pages.*] *Dec.* 22, 1665.

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Dec. 24. Portsmouth. 1. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Every ship of the last fleet has had old ballast shifted and new put in; it is a mystery the men were not all poisoned with the stench; the business goes slowly on; men of all qualifications are wanted; is obliged to send labourers of the yard to do seamen's work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 24. The Norwich, Dover Pier. 2. Capt. John Wetwang to Thos. Hayter. Wishes some blanks sent to his purser for discharging men into other ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 24. London. 3. John Burrowes to Sam. Pepys. Is prepared to answer the demand for clothes; can load a waggon to-morrow and another on Monday, if required. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 24. York. 4. "Informations given to Mr. Sheriff; paper sent from the Lord Frescheville," being an account, as given by A. S., of a plot designing in Yorkshire; the principal agents are John Wilson and Jos. Flather, father-in-law of Hen. Bradshaw, who was a prisoner in York Castle, but obtained from the Duke of Buckingham release, and leave to practise physic, on his promise not to engage in any plot, and to reveal whatever he knew; on this account, he refused to be seen at any of their conferences, but would help them with money; they and others visited different places in Yorkshire and Lancashire, engaging persons to raise 10 or 20 men each, and to be officers of forces. Capt. Drake of Pontefract wished to have the chief command; 950 men were enlisted, and they had many arms. Squire Pockley, of Thorp Hall, approved their proposals, and said most of the soldiers in his regiment would join them; the party were displeased because Major Greathead was told of the plot, and he told others. There was to be a meeting of plotters at Rochdale on Dec. 1st, and Jas. Lumnax will give 200*l.* rather than they shall fall short; Jos. Flather will give 100*l.*, and Bradshaw 60*l.* and six cases of pistols. Wilson has 10*s.* a week for going about among them; many persons in Leeds are engaged, and about 100 in Bradford. Pockley and Capt. Wm. Wilkinson are acquainted with the master of the magazine at Hull, and hope to get two or three horse loads of arms from the magazine. Pockley can raise and arm two troops, and Mr. Smith of Leeds a troop of horse. They intend to have 10 troops of 100 horse each, and each captain to have 100*l.*, and before that is spent, they will either gain or lose. Pockley says they had better die than yield, for those who are taken will hang for it. Wilson became suspected because, through some words uttered by him in drink, some in Lancashire were taken and examined. Lancashire, Cheshire, and part of Derbyshire are to join, meeting at Littlebrook; Yorkshire is to meet at Morley, march through Leeds, and so to Halifax, to meet Lancashire men, but the latter cannot be ready before Candlemas. [*The details given are minute as to the persons employed, and extend from Sept. 24 to Dec. 9, 1665. 18 pages.*]

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[Dec. 24.] York. 5. Similar document, but with slight variations, and wanting the latter portion. Endorsed [by Lord Arlington] "Information from the Duke of Buckingham of a plot designed in Yorkshire." [5 *pages.*]

Dec. 25. Yarmouth. 6. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Is requested by Capt. Thos. Clifton and Rich. Browne, sent down as commissioners to discover what goods have been embezzled from prizes, to join them in their commission. Will do so if Lord Arlington be concerned therein.

Dec. 25. Pendennis. 7. Major George Collins to Williamson. Sends a letter from a privateer arrived at Helford. Sir Jeremy Smith, commander of the Tangiers fleet, passed by, sending a frigate for ships in that harbour to join him, but two only were ready, most of their loads being pilchards. *Encloses,*

7. 1. *Lieut. Terence Byrne to Rich. Lord Arundel, governor of Pendennis Castle. The Speedwell, a private man-of-war, of 12 guns and 40 men, set out by Sir Art. Slingsby and Col. Thos. Panton, met with a vessel off the coast of France, which pretended to be from Newhaven, but the captain refused to come on board or show his colours. They fired on her, and after three hours' engagement, in which the captain, master, and two men of the Speedwell were killed, and five mortally wounded, the ship was so disabled that they were obliged to put into port. Major Clement Goffe, a reformado on board, was killed.*
*The Speedwell, Helford Harbour, Dec.* 24, 1665.

Dec. 25. Christmas Day. Magdalen College. 8. Earl of St. Alban's to Williamson. As Lord Arlington is to leave Oxford to-morrow, Williamson is to put into his hands the agreement for Jersey between the King and the Earl of St. Alban's, and the warrant to be signed by the King and Sir Stephen Fox in consequence, all which should be done before Lord Arlington leaves.

Dec. 25. Bristol. 9. Jo. FitzHerbert to [Williamson]. The Gazette was very welcome in this flat time of affairs. Of all the fleet gone from Bristol to the West Indies, only one vessel, which lost the rest of the fleet, was taken by a Flushinger. More of the Dutch prisoners escaped, but after rambling in solitary places, not knowing what to do with themselves, they surrendered again. That day, being Christmas Day, many Quakers kept open their shops, to show their contempt of authority; but some troops of Lord Oxford's regiment who were there dealt more sharply with them than others have done, and forced them to shut up.

Dec. 25. Warrant for exchanging Isbrant Mechielen, a Dutch prisoner, in lieu of Thomas Forlande, master of the Good Intent of Bristol. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p* 342.]

Dec. 25. Cockpit. 10. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Whetstone's money must be returned by the bearer, if possible. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 25. Victualling Office.

11. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. Doubts not they are sensible that on account of the sickness, most of the brewers who served the navy have discontinued brewing for want of materials, and others do not brew half the quantity; great mortality amongst the coopers, and absence of others in the country hinder the making of casks. Gives the names and condition of 19 ships victualling in the river and at Chatham, but cannot give any information as to the ships at the Nore, which are not likely to be dispatched when they will not suffer the victualling vessels to come aboard, but send their boats when they please or can, for what they think fit; it is seldom weather for boats to pass from ship to ship. Encloses a letter which will better inform them in that particular; is likely to have more than 200 tuns of beer a week in the port. [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

11. I. *E. Booth to Denis Gauden. Knows that the long stay of the ships at the Nore is imputed by the commanders there to the neglect of his instruments, or want of provisions, though undeservedly. If it had been a place fit to take in victuals, if the weather had been favourable, and they would have allowed victualling ships to come on board, they might have been dispatched in a short time, but the place is not fit to ride in, nor to take in provisions at this time of the year. They spent their victuals as fast as they fetched them, using only their own boats, as they would not suffer a victualling ship to lay them aboard, for fear of the sickness. If they had come into the Swaile, they might have been all victualled in one-tenth of the time. Comr. Pett knows all this, but he must be ruled by higher powers, and the blame is laid on the victualling. Mr. Pett is confined to one of the victualling ships, for having commerce with the victualler, and they are afraid to entertain him on board any of the King's ships.* *Chatham, October* 21, 1665.

11. II. *Account of the nature and quantity of provisions aboard five ships named, and at Ipswich and Dover, and also of those shipped from that port* [*Chatham?*]. *Endorsed "Provisions at and going to the buoy of the Nore."*

Dec. 25. Cockpit.

12. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Sir Thomas Morgan is in town, and demands spades, pickaxes, wheelbarrows, &c., for Jersey, besides the guns and ammunition already ordered; a vessel of 160 tons is to be hired for their speedy conveyance. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 25. Royal James, Chatham River.

13. Sir Thos. Allin to Sam Pepys. Has no present employment for the Sea Venture smack, and one or two others. Asks directions about them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 25. Royal James.

14. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. The Convertine is ordered by Rear-Admiral Harman to convoy ships to the buoy of

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the Nore; there is much sickness amongst the crew. The captain desires orders concerning the discharge of soldiers put on board at Harwich, and the regulation of his purser's book. Asks directions about several small smacks at present useless. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

14. I. *List of 47 deaths on board the Convertine on her voyage to Gottenburg, of 37 or 38 sick men put ashore at Harwich, and of 10 now on board.*

Dec. 25. Harwich. 15. John Taylor to Sam. Pepys. The name of the flyboat which sails well is the Blue Boar. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 26. Arundel. 16. Ant. Westwood to the Navy Comrs. Has received orders from the Duke of York to impress 5 able shipwrights within the borough of Arundel; after diligent search, can find none abiding within the said borough. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 26. Chatham. 17. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Has sent up the horseboat to quicken the dispatch of provisions demanded for those stores; two Gottenburg ships, laden with masts, deals, &c., have arrived; all the largest masts are sent to Portsmouth; proposes to dock the Revenge, and send the Unicorn and St. Andrew to Sheerness, to take in victuals and complete their men; is glad the money is ordered to be paid to the Duke of Albemarle, though Moorcock unhandsomely tried to prevent it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 26. 18. List of 29 captains and masters of ships from Woolwich, and 26 at Deptford, summoned to appear before the Navy Comrs. at Greenwich. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

18. I. *Memorandum of lists to be made, signed by the captains and pursers of vessels, noting the number of men on board, those turned over to other ships, those put on shore sick, and those discharged or withdrawn without leave.*

Dec. 26. Isle of Wight. 19. Sir Augustus Coronel to [Lord Arlington]. Is sorry that his name is given out as the informer about the King's jewels, having only desired His Majesty's service therein; he who appears zealous for princes is abandoned to the mercy of the people. The Jews know all the particulars, and their hatred will drive him to ruin; begs protection. The [East India?] Company has sent the letters relating to one of the ships, the other two have not arrived. The goods of enemies cannot be concealed without prejudice to the King. [*French, 2 pages.*]

Dec. 26. Cockpit. 20. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Sir Thomas Morgan goes to-morrow to Portsmouth, where his quartermaster has gone before him; two frigates will be sent to ply between the two islands.

Dec. 26. London. 21. Willm. Bishop, for M. Verbecq, to Williamson. Has delivered up to Lord Arlington's steward the present of wines sent by Mr. Gloxin for Williamson and M. Choqueux.

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Dec. 26. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow to Francis Rogers, keeper of the standing wardrobe at Whitehall, board wages for 1663–1664, notwithstanding the warrant to the contrary. [*Ent. Book* 22 *p.* 342.]

Dec 26. Warrant to Stephen Fox, paymaster of the new-raised forces, to pay to Henry Earl of St. Alban's 1,000*l.* a year, on consideration of his surrender of the government of the Island of Jersey. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 343.] *Annexing,*

*Articles of agreement between Henry Lord Arlington, on behalf of His Majesty, and Henry Earl of St. Alban's, whereby the latter surrenders the government of the Island of Jersey, on condition of receiving a pension of* 1,000*l. a year, with proviso that after his death, Thos. Jermyn shall be considered as of right governor of the said island.* [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 344.] *Dec.* 26, 1665.

Dec. 26. 22. Copy of the above warrant.

Dec. 26. Warrant for the six pages of the back stairs, John Osbaleton, Thomas Chiffinch, Francis Rogers, Hugh Griffith, Maurice Deladale, and Theodore Rendue, to have their allowance of board wages. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 343.]

Dec. 26. Warrant for a grant to Richard Acton, in reversion after Robert Gregg, of the office of Examiner in the Court of Exchequer in the county palatine of Chester. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 343.]

Dec. 27. 23. Ri. Watts to Henry Muddiman. There are in the Downs 17 of the King's ships and 24 merchantmen outward bound, well manned. Two ships are going to Dover, to carry over the Dutch Ambassador, now there.

Dec. 27. 24. Sir Robert Paston to Williamson. Lord Arlington proposes to open his business to Council to-morrow; told him he thought the Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer already prepossessed of the concession sued for; begs a reminder to his lordship, before he goes to Council.

Dec. 27. Cockpit. 25. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desires the hiring of a ship of 200 tons, for carrying ammunition, &c., to Jersey and Guernsey. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

25. 1. *Note that since the first orders for ammunition, a demand is added by Sir Thos. Morgan, for* 18 *carriages for cannon,* 300 *beds,* 100 *wheelbarrows, pickaxes, &c.*

Dec. 27. Hull. 26. Wm. Blaydes to Sam. Pepys. The Wivenhoe ketch is fitted, except with a mast and sail; a treasurer of the Prize Office there, having large sums of money in hand, is willing to pay all bills due at Hull, amounting to 111*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*; begs leave for this to be done, the trouble being so great to get money from London; also a reward for his own pains. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dec. 27. London. 27. Sam. Heron to Sam. Pepys. Waits orders to be given at Chatham for the receipt of Sam. Parker's hemp, instead of Wm. Horne's, which is designed for Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 27. Portsmouth. 28. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Gauden's agent is willing to have an account of the stores taken at his charge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 27. London. 29. T. Wilson to Sam. Pepys. Has received two warrants for victualling the prize ship Good Hope; asks if there are two ships of the same name, or if not, which warrant shall be called in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 28. Cockpit. 30. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. The Duke of Albemarle advises Sir Wm. Ryder to order his ship to Gottenburg, to return in convoy of Capt. Carteret, who is going for Sir Thos. Clifford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 28? 31. Petition of George Hilson to the Navy Comrs., for recommendation and employment as gunner in the fireship Unicorn. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

31. I. *Certificate from Edw. Plasse and four other gunners in the service, of the fitness of George Hilson to serve as master gunner.* *Nov.* 20, 1665.

31. II. *Similar certificate by Capt. John Wetwang and four other commanders in the service,* *Dec.* 28, 1665.

Dec. 28. Dover. 32. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Norwich is almost finished; wants cables and other stores, but above all an immediate supply of money. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

32. I. *Note of stores wanted in the port of Dover.*

Dec. 28. Cockpit. 33. Duke of Albemarle to Sam. Pepys. Desires the names of all the ships, men, and guns in the navy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 28. 34. Capt. Wm. Badiley to Sir Wm. Batten. Reminds him of a former promise to Wm. Gilbert, to have the care and oversight of the Friezland prize, which he has just brought down to Deptford; recommends him as an able seaman, willing to do every service in his power. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 28. The Friezland, Downs. 35. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Is detained by contrary winds; has but 10 days' provisions on board; wishes to be supplied at Dover. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 28. Warrant to the Duke of Albemarle to deliver to Ralph Montague, who succeeds the late Edw. Montague as master of the horse to the Queen, seven coach horse liveries of hay, oats, and straw, as granted to Edw. Montague, on condition that he should not use the Queen's coach horses. [*Ent. Book 22, p. 339.*]

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Dec. 28. Memorandum of an order to Sir Phil. Frowde to pay to the widow of Thomas Parnell 41*l.* 10*s.*, arrears of his allowance up to 21st Dec. 1665. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 339.]

Dec. 28. Cockpit. 36. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. An embargo is to be laid on all the vessels belonging to English subjects southward bound from the Thames, except such as trade from port to port within any of the King's dominions in Europe, they giving good security to the Customs' Officers not to go elsewhere, without leave from the Dukes of York or Albemarle; 150 Dutch doggers are fishing on the Dogger Bank, which will soon be removed.

Dec. 29. Saxham. 37. Lord Arlington to Williamson. Has spent the first night at Althorpe, the next at Hinchinbroke, and the third at Saxham, where they have good cheer. Will try to prevail with the company to return by Woburn to Oxford. Mr. Ross must send the Duke of Monmouth's coach horses to Aylesbury by Thursday night. Hopes to be there the next day or the day after.

Dec. 29. Motesfont. 38. Lord Sandys to Williamson. Thanks for favours at Oxford. Sends him a pair of swans, good to make him relish a glass of wine to begin the new year with.

Dec. 29. Plymouth. 39. John Clarke to Williamson. The Sorlings came in, after a severe contest with a Dutch caper, which escaped. The Nightingale took a Venetian vessel laden with currants. The western parts remain free from contagion.

Dec. 29. Saxham. 40. Lord [Arlington] to the King. The Earl of Sandwich complains that the warrant sent to Lynn for delivery of his goods sent in the Roe ketch is disobeyed, and the messenger threatened for having brought it. The pretence is that they are part of the plunder of the East India prizes. He promises if they are restored to him, to open them in presence of the Customs' Officers, or other unsuspected persons, who can fully justify him. Thinks His Majesty owes the Earl protection and vindication, according to his quality and rank, and should see him righted with as much noise as he is wronged. The service will suffer unless those who disobeyed orders, without very good reasons, be exemplarily punished. The Duke of Monmouth is in good health, and at that moment in warm country dances, attended by the Duke of Buckingham, G. Porter, and Mr. May. [3 *pages.*]

Dec. 29. Portsmouth. 41. Sir Rob. Southwell to Lord Arlington. Has written, as requested by him, to Sir Thos. Peyton, ordering him to inform his lordship if any vacancy occur in Kent or the Cinque Ports, so that the writer's father-in-law, Sir Edward Dering, a man of talent, may serve His Majesty in the House of Commons.

Dec. 29. Shottesham. 42. Sir Wm. Doyley to Sam. Pepys. The encouragement of the growth of English hemp would be of general advantage to the kingdom. Much may be obtained from Lincolnshire and about

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Lynn Regis, where lives Sir Thos. Dereham, who is steady to the King, intelligent, and could give advice in the management of the affair in those parts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. The St. Paul, Gravesend Reach. 43. Capt. John Holmes to the Navy Comrs. Has not half enough hallast to fit the ship for receiving provisions. Accuses the hallast master of neglect. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. Bethnal Green. 44. Sir Wm. Rider to Sam. Pepys. Requests orders at Woolwich and Chatham for the hemp ships to be discharged, to save further demurrage. Wishes a bill of imprest signed for 7,000*l.*; can go no further without money. Wants a warrant for 2,000 deal boards, delivered into the stores about a year ago, under contract for ready money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. The Elizabeth, Plymouth. 45. Capt. Robert Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Is detained by contrary winds. The Surloin [Sorlings ?] has arrived from the Soundings, much damaged by an encounter with a Dutch caper. The Dutch have 18 men-of-war riding in Calais. Wants masts. Capt. Green, in a privateer, was shot by a French vessel of eight guns, met with in the Channel. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. Chatham. 46. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Hoped to have given a more speedy account of the men belonging to ships in the river. Books are returned from the St. George, Vanguard, and Rainbow only; the rest promise to-morrow. Has not one fourth-rate frigate for the purpose required. Asks particulars of the two vessels laden with deal, iron, &c., from Gottenburg. There is no warrant for receiving the pitch and tar lately arrived. Reed, bricks, and lime are wanted. Would fain put a curb upon the high prices demanded for such stores. Nothing but assurance of speedy payment will do so. [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 29. Deptford. 47. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Has made the old mainmast of the Foresight as strong and firm as possible, but the ship would sail far better with a new and pliant one. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. Dover. 48. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Norwich, though ready to sail, is still detained by contrary winds. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. 49. Certificate by Thos. Smith of the delivery of the Madras Merchant ship into the hands of the owners. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. 50. Certificate by Wm. Wood and Capt. Wm. Wildy of receipt of the Madras Merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

50. I. *Articles of agreement between the Navy Comrs. and Ben. Baron, Capt. Wm. Wildy, and Wm. Wood, for hire and freight of the Madras Merchant,* 362 *tons burthen, for six months certain, at* 9*s. per ton per month.*
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50. II. *Account of stores received at Portsmouth and Harwich for the use of the Madras Merchant.* *April* 3, 1665

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50. III. *Certificate by Comr. Thos. Middleton of the measurement of the said ship.* *April* 14, 1665.

50. IV. *Similar certificate of her readiness to take in provisions.* *April* 24, 1665.

Dec. 29. The Diamond, Downs. 51. Capt. John King to the Navy Comrs. Gives an account of the defective state of his ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 29. 52. List of such of the Blackamore's men as were sent to other ships, dismissed ill, withdrawn, or discharged the service. Signed by Rich. Neales, lieutenant, and James Studley, purser. [*Adm. Paper, 7 pages.*]

Dec. 30. African House, 53. Sir Wm. Rider to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Frost proposes bringing his vessel of pitch and tar from Copenhagen without convoy. Begs quick dispatch of orders, that the ships at Chatham, Woolwich, and Portsmouth may not lie on demurrage; also an imprest bill for 7,000*l.* on account of hemp delivered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. Cobham, Surrey. 54. Capt. Geo. Erwin to Sam. Pepys. Knows he must be wanted during the present stress of business. Would not have required sending for, had he been well enough to attend. Begs 20 days' grace, if possible, to recruit his health. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. Cobham, Surrey. 55. Capt. Geo. Erwin to Sam. Pepys. Is incapacitated for a time by sickness. Begs that Wm. Bugg may be accepted as his deputy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. Deptford. 56. Tho. Harper to Sam. Pepys. Account of plank, &c., laden on the Adam and Eve hoy for Chatham. The horseboat will take in 300 more spruce deals. The timber sent by Mr. Russell falls two loads short of the charge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. Woolwich. 57. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The Prince William is graved and will be off the ground next tide. Is hindered in the carrying on of works in the holds of several ships now in dock, by reason of the stores not being removed. Begs that messengers may be sent into the river to hasten pressed men into the yard. Many formerly pressed have gone to Chatham, because of the conduct money and board wages paid them there. The same privilege at Woolwich would encourage them to work cheerfully. With note for board wages to be allowed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. Dover. 58. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Norwich has set sail. Desires a speedy supply of provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. The Guernsey. 59. Capt. Stephen Pyend to the Navy Comrs. Explains why he did not deliver the two men's tickets to the commander of the Golden Hand. The men were enticed away from him, one being not yet properly discharged from the Coast frigate. Begs some pay for the Guernsey's men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 30. London. 60. Journal of the several ladings and discharges on board the Recovery, from June 5 till November 21, 1665. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

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Dec. 30. 61. Deposition of James Hayden, shipwright of London, of the dimensions of the Fortune and Prosperous of Newcastle. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*

61. I. *Certificate by Matthew Hayden of the readiness of the Prosperous to carry provisions to the fleet. May* 6, 1665.

Dec. 30. Fulham. 62. Humphrey, Bishop of London, to Lord Arlington. Requests that if any petition be presented from his clerk for the Curate's place of St. Botolph's, Aldgate, the grant may be suspended till the Court returns to Whitehall. It will be pretended that the stipend is only 8*l.* a year, and concealed that the perquisites are considerable. The parish is numerous, and should have some good man who has in this dangerous time continued to instruct the people in the city.

Dec. 30. Churchill. 63. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Sends him some usquebaugh to Oxford rather than London, because all antidotes against infection should be taken rather before than in the danger.

Dec. 30. Prize Office, Portsmouth. 64. Memorandum of prize goods, as wines, clapboards, &c., and also of seven vessels brought into that port, and not yet disposed of.

Dec. 30. Dover. 65. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Fears his letters have miscarried, not having heard from him for five weeks. There are no letters from Paris, only from Rouen. The mails for Flanders are allowed to be received at Mardike. [*Damaged.*]

Dec. 30. London. 66. Capt. George Cock to Williamson. Recommends John Baptista Van der Heene, a Spanish subject, who wants a pass for two ships, on security to deliver their cargoes in London; also duplicates to save him from plundering, if they should come into any western harbour, and have to be sent thence to London.

Dec. 30. 11 A.M. Saxham. 67. Lord [Arlington to Williamson]. Has not had time to read half his letters. Will try to leave there on Wednesday, but the company do not seem inclinable to it.

Dec. 30. Westminster. 68. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. Wants the order for 500*l.*, the Exchequer clerks being there to receive it. Will get a tally of loan, and order for repayment. One of his correspondents is negligent in writing, but none knows better what passes in the States.

Dec. 30. Drayton. 69. Jo. Bentham to Williamson. My lady [the Countess of Peterborough] wants to know whether she is indebted to Williamson's letters for her mother's kindness, which does not prove so great as was promised. The captain says my lady must humble herself, and take the blame of all miscarriages and losses, for my lord will come home and turn away every servant of hers that will not be his creature. He will not go to Banbury House, for fear of visits, being so near Court, but take rooms elsewhere. If Lady Thomond stay in the country, my lady may be sent for to London, but not else. Mr. Feltham intends to inform Dr. Frazer, that he may advise my lord to desist from such extravagancies. She has

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written him two submissive letters, and intends to comply to the uttermost. All rejoice at the abatement of the sickness in London. [*Damaged.*]

Dec. 31. Portsmouth. 70. Capt. Rich. Carr to Williamson. Lord Arlington wishes him to pay on his account 50*l.* to Sir Bernard de Gomme.

Dec. 31. Oxford. 71. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The King consents to borrow money upon the new Act at more than 4 per cent. if needful, provided it do not raise the usual interest to 10 per cent. It will thus prove that this Act has not broken the King's credit with the bankers, as some allege; it may save the dismal necessity of letting the chimney money [to farm] which might have very bad consequences. Urges him to advance the credit of the Act with all whom he may meet.

Dec. 31. Oxford. 72. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Brown, storekeeper at Harwich, is to be discharged, and a master attendant appointed for Woolwich. Asks which post Mr. Clements would best fill. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 31. Portsmouth. 73. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Hears that money is the general want, and it is an old saying, "that a general calamity is the easiest to be borne;" wants not only money but men, and besides men, halters; money without halters signifies little, and halters without money, less, but one with the other would do well; he that has both may command the readiest army in the world, but let either be wanting, and it's a hard matter to command a regiment. Is glad to hear the plague has abated. Sends Sir Wm. Batten a demand of what is wanting, as also a list of ships in port, in hand, and dispatched. Could employ 200 more calkers and carpenters. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 31. 74, 75. Account by Andrew Crawley of provisions delivered out of the stores at Ipswich and Harwich from October 1, 1665. Two papers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec. 31. 76. Mr. Green's account of cask delivered for ships since April 4, 1663. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

76. I. *Memorandum, that Mr. Green's sea book for the Resolution is examined and allowed, and several receipts for cask delivered to Mr. Bolt.*

Dec. ? 77. Petition of James Bringfield, formerly his menial servant, to Lord Arlington, for recommendation to Sir Rob. Atkins, or others of the Court, for employment in collecting the additional supply granted by a recent Act to His Majesty, in consideration of his services to Capt. Edw. Bennet.

Dec. ? 78. Petition of William de Grys, commander of the ship City of Antwerp, to the King, for restoration of his ship which belongs

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wholly to Spanish subjects, but was taken on her journey to Cadiz, and brought into Portsmouth. *Annexing,*

78. 1. *Attested certificate of the senate of Antwerp, that the ship City of Antwerp belongs truly to merchants of their city, and does not contain any produce belonging to the United Provinces.* [*Latin, 2 pages.*] *Dec.* 15, 1665.

Dec.? 79. Petition of Joyce, wife of Fras. Fortescue, lieutenant in the garrison of Portsmouth, to the King, to sign the warrant annexed, drawn by Sir Heneage Finch, in favour of her husband, who 10 months ago was where —— Perkins was killed, and is indicted amongst the rest, but has gone beyond seas. *Annexing,*

79. 1. *Form of a warrant for a pardon to Fras. Fortescue, indicted for felonious murder of —— Perkins, he being only guilty in construction of law, as in the company of another who committed the offence.*
*Oxford, Dec.* 13, 1665.

[Dec.] 80. Petition of Peter John, subject of Spain, to the King, for benevolence, and a pass to return from Dover to Flanders; His Majesty has been pleased to order his discharge from the Gatehouse, Westminster, without fees; has had 400*l.* value, being all he has, taken from him by the Dutch.

Dec.? 81. Petition of John Miller to Lord Arlington, to order the Deputy Lieutenants of Bedfordshire to send up their charge against him, or else to liberate him. After having been a year prisoner in Windsor Castle, was released on bail, and restored to his house at Biggleswade; and after quietly remaining there a month, was seized by a party of horse, on warrant from the Deputy Lieutenants, and sent to Bedford gaol, where he has remained ever since; this is owing, as he believes, to the displeasure of some eminent person.

Dec? 82. Petition of Edmund Wyndham and Edw. Progers, His Majesty's servants, to the King, for part of the moiety reserved to the Crown, on a grant three years ago to Prince Rupert, the Earl of Bath, and others, of moneys recovered from those who, during the usurpation, purchased Crown lands by false debentures, and counterfeit bills of public faith. No benefit has hitherto accrued to His Majesty therefrom, and they think they can discover the fraud of some persons guilty of these forgeries. Wyndham pleads consideration, for great debts remaining on his estate, for which he engaged on the public account, in the late rebellion.

Dec.? Oxford. 83. Reference to the Attorney General of a petition relating to great abuses in manufacture of gold and silver lace.

Dec. Memoranda, [by Williamson, from the Signet books]:—

Grant of the barony of Craven of Hampsted-Marshall, in remainder after the Earl of Craven and his heirs, to

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Sir Ant. Craven and his heirs, and afterwards to Sir Wm. Craven, son of Thomas, brother of Sir Anthony.

Grant to Thos. Elliott of 200 acres of ground on the Severn, Walmer.

Grant to Chas. Hildyard of the sole making of blue paper.

Note, that the gentlemen of the chapel, on removes and progresses, are to have allowances out of the treasury chamber, on bills signed by the Lord Chamberlain.

Grant to the Earl of Kinnoul of the duties on basilic, potashes, &c., for 31 years, rent 240*l.* a year, as held by his late father; with note that the rent was released afterwards.

Grant to Thos. Jennis and Rob. Woodward, in reversion after Sam. Dale, of the controllership of customs at Bristol. [*Domestic Corresp., July* 1665.]

Dec. ? 84. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 10,000*l.*, for the new forces to be raised, which are to be continued no longer than the necessity of the Dutch war, and to assign the same on loans to be made on the late additional Act, for 1,250,000*l.* [*Draft.*]

Dec. ? 85. Warrant to pay to Sir George Carteret, treasurer of the navy, 50,000*l.* out of the Poll money, after the moneys already ordered, in order to continue the payment of arrears of wages due to officers and mariners, and to workmen in the several dockyards. [*Draft.*]

Dec. ? Oxford. 86. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow to the clerks of carriages and cart-takers their full board wages for the year from 1st October 1663 to 30th September 1664, in consideration of their attendance. [*Draft.*]

Dec. ? 87. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow to Ralph Montague, master of the horse to the Queen, 20*s.* a day from Michaelmas last, out of the moneys assigned for the expenses of the household. [*Draft.*]

Dec. ? Whitehall. 88. Commission appointing —— Many cornet in Prince Rupert's regiment of Dragoons.

Dec. ? Whitehall. 89. Commission appointing James Touchet cornet in Prince Rupert's regiment of Dragoons.

Dec. ? Whitehall. 90. Commission appointing —— Radney lieutenant to Prince Rupert's regiment of Dragoons.

Dec. ? 91. The King to the [Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant of Somersetshire]. Requests him to order those persons in whose hands are the arrears still unpaid of moneys levied for the militia for three years, according to the late Act, to pay the same to Sir Wm. Berkeley, lieutenant-governor of Portsmouth, to be kept by him till orders for payment of the same. [*Draft.*]

Dec. ? 92. The King to the Lord Treasurer. He is to strike no more tallies by anticipation or assignation on customs, excise, or hearth-

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money, but reserve from the customs for the service of the navy, 240,000*l.* a year; from the excise for the household, 80,000*l.* yearly, Guards 122,400*l.*, and Tangiers 70,600*l.*; from the hearth-money, after certain payments already assigned, 40,000*l.* each for the households of the King and Queen; 75,000*l.* home garrisons; 20,000*l.* treasury of the chamber; 5,000*l.* robes; 10,000*l.* buildings and works; 20,000*l.* wardrobe; 5,000*l.* forces at Jamaica, and 7,000*l.* those at Bombay. After these, ambassadors, secretaries of state, pensions of deserving servants, &c., are to be remembered. Any further tallies are to be paid at once by the persons on whom struck, without delay or unjust gain. [3¼ *pages.*]

Dec.? 93. Statement that Edm. Sconce, of Hilderston, and Nich. Breeston, of Breeston, co. Norfolk, were taken at a conventicle for the third time, 4th July, 1665, sentenced to transportation for 10 years, and sent to Lynn Regis, but finding no shipping ready, were committed to gaol, and their families destroyed for want. Also, that Jonathan Jennings, of London, taken at a conventicle, was imprisoned three months, and then refusing the oaths, was præmunired, and remained in prison about three years, but is willing to give security to be a loyal subject. Endorsed "Three conventiclers to be discharged; Mr. Blood."

Dec.? 94. "Quarters of the forces," specifying the locations in the several towns and forts of the companies of the different troops and regiments. [2 *pages.*]

[Dec.] 95. Bill of mortality, being a report of the company of parish clerks of London, of the births and deaths in the 97 parishes within the walls, 16 without the walls, and 12 out parishes: total, christenings 9,967, burials 97,306, whereof 68,596 were of the plague; being an increase on the burials of the previous year of 79,009, and in the deaths from plague of 68,590.

Dec. Oxford. 96. Complete list of the King's household, above stairs; with account of the allowances to each officer for wages, board wages liveries, &c., including serjeants-at-arms, chaplains, messengers, wardrobe keepers, and tradespeople; also of the Lent preachers appointed for 1666. [37 *pages.*]

Dec.? 97. "Mr. Hailes' case;" of the sum of 2,154*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* due to him for goods served into the stores, 916*l.* was to be paid in ready money, July and August last, for cordage supplied. Requests immediate payment thereof, that he may be able to answer Mr. Turner's demand for oakum. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Dec.? 98. Petition of James Watkins to the Navy Comrs., for allowance by bill for the total amount of all disbursements made for necessaries for the sick and wounded, on board the Joseph hospital ship. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

98. 1. *Account of money due to James Watkins for hire of the said frigate and service therein, from 9th June to 9th December,* 1665.

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98. II. *Account of money spent on board the hospital ship; total, 22l. 1s.*

Dec. Depositions on oath taken before Sam. Pepys, concerning the wreck of the Daniel hoy of Dover, viz.:—

99. Wm. Pigon and two others. Were in the Providence fire-ship when the said hoy ran on board of her; saw handed out one small bag of maize, two sea chests, and a parcel of wire; the captain of the Providence did all in his power to save the hoy.

100. John Garrat. Was in the Daniel hoy all the time she was by the side of the Providence; saw two boxes, about 2½ feet square, made up in canvas, in the cabin of the vessel; endeavoured to get them out, but could not.

101. Rich. Littell. The two boxes taken out of the Daniel hoy were hauled over the stern of the Providence, and were not above 15 lbs. weight.

102. John Licoris. Heard Joseph Hall ask Capt. John Wood about Mr. Harding's glass, and threaten him with a course of law, saying that neither he nor any of his company should receive wages till it was delivered; the captain replied that Mr. Harding might take his course, for he believed the glass had sunk in the vessel; never heard Capt. John Wood say that he had cleared the vessel of water, nor anything to that purpose. [*Adm. Papers.*]

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Volume of Admiralty Papers, containing—

I. Tenders of Goods addressed to the Navy Comrs. by Merchants and Manufacturers, as follow:—

| No. | Date. | Name. | Article. | Terms. |
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| 1 | 1665. Jan. 5 | Josias Childe and John Shorter. | Masts, bowsprits, and yards | According to Sir Wm. Warren's contract. |
| 2 | " " | Wm. Bushel | Russia cordage | 37s. per cwt. |
| 3 | " 9 | Nich. Clements | 20 large beeches | 3l. 8s. per load |
| 4 | " 17 | | Broom, 3–6 ft. long. | |
| 5 | " 23 | Jas. Crosse | Masts, 7–14 palms; balks, 20 ft. long. | Masts, 26s. to 6l. each; balks, 10s. each. |
| 6 | " | Jas. Blackman | Riga hemp yarn | 2l. 2s. per cwt. |
| 7 | Feb. 4 | Jos. Hoult | Hamburg lines. | |
| 8 | " 9 | Peter Blackborow | Deals, timber, spars, &c. | From 1l. 10s. to 30l. per 100; 2l. 5s. to 2l. 17s. per load. |
| 9 | " 13 | Martin James | Riga, Queensborough, and French yarn. | 42l. to 44l. per ton. |
| 10, 11 | " 22 | Peter Blackborow | Deals, spars, masts, &c. | From 3l. 15s. to 30l. per 100; 2l. 5s. to 2l. 15s. per load; masts from 11s. to 6l. 3s. each. |
| 12 | " 24 | John Taylor, jun. | Oaken planks. | |

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| 13 | March 1 | Mr. Waith | Hammocks | From 1*s.* 2*d.* to 2*s.* 4*d.* each. |
| 14 | " 27 | Mark Croney | Masts | From 1*l.* 9*s.* to 18*l.* each. |
| 15 | " 30 | Geo. Body | Wainscots, pipe boards, and crow-boards. | From 10*s.* to 1*l.* 10*s.* each; 20*l.* the 100. |
| 16 | " | Jos. Childe and John Shorter. | New England masts. | |
| 17 | April 1 | John Taylor | Masts. | |
| 18 | " 6 | Edw. Gray | 200 masts, 25 bowsprits | From 11*s.* to 65*l.* each. |
| 19 | " 8 | Peter Blackborow | Deals, timber, spars | From 9*s.* to 10*l.* 10*s.* per 100.; 46*s.* to 53*s.* per load. |
| 20 | " 25 | John Tyson | Deals, spars, and ufers | From 3*l.* to 36*l.* per 100. |
| 21 | May 22 | Jeff. Winchurste | Anchors | From 1*l.* 15*s.* to 1*l.* 18*s.* per cwt. |
| 22 | " 23 | John Shorter | Deals, 10–15 ft. long. | |
| 23 | " 25 | Robt. Elery | Elm timber, 32 loads | 2*l.* 15*s.* per load. |
| 24 | " 30 | John Wilde | Scuppers | From 1*l.* 8*s.* to 1*l.* 19*s.* per dozen. |
| 25 | June 3 | Peter Blackborow | Deals, timber | From 8*l.* 5*s.* to 10*l.* 10*s.* per 100.; 2*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* to 3*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per load. |
| 26 | " 4 | Mark Croney | Masts | From 1*l.* 12*s.* to 18*l.* each. |
| 27–29 | " 10 | Peter Blackborow | Deals and timber | From 2*l.* 10*s.* to 3*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per load; 6*l.* 5*s.* to 10*l.* 10*s.* per 100. |
| 30 | " 27 | Sir Willm. Warren | Lerwick deals | 7*l.* 10*s.* per cwt. |
| 31 | July 4 | Edw. Hulbert | Planks | 4*l.* per load. |
| 32 | " " | Peter Blackborow | Deals | From 7*l.* 10*s.* to 10*l.* 10*s.* per 100. |
| 33, 34 | " 6 | " " | Deals, timber | From 7*l.* to 10*l.* per 100; 2*l.* 10*s.* to 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per load. |
| 35 | " 13 | Peter Rich | Deals | 7*l.* per 100. |
| 36 | " 25 | Edw. Dering | Deals | From 9*s.* 6*d.* to 18*s.* 6*d.* each. |
| 37 | Aug. 8 | Rich. Howell | Brushes, 17 in. by 7 in. | 7*s.* 6*d.* each. |
| 38 | " 29 | John Downing | Chains, wedges, grapnels, thimbles, &c. | Former prices. |
| 39, 40 | " | Jos. Childe | New England masts. | |
| 41 | Sept. 2 | Sir Willm. Warren | Hamburg and Norway deals | From 2*s.* to 14*s.* a piece. |
| 42 | " 5 | Jose Stapeley | Yarn. | |
| 43 | " 15 | James Blackman | Rope yarn | From 23*s.* to 46*s.* per cwt. |
| 44 | " 15 | John Hill | Pitch and tar | Pitch 14*l.* 10*s.* the last; tar 13*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. |
| 45 | Nov. 3 | Mark Croney | Norway masts | From 2*l.* 5*s.* to 67*l.* 10*s.* each. |
| 46 | " 14 | Mr. Bradly | Chains, thimbles, anchors, &c. | Anchors at 50*s.* per cwt. |
| 47 | " " | John Downing | Anchors | 47*s.* per cwt. |
| 48 | Dec. 23 | John Doggett and Thos. Warren. | Riga and Quinsborough hemp | From 45*l.* to 55*l.* per ton. |
| 49 | | Peter Rich | Christiana and Lerwick deals | From 6*l.* to 7*l.* per 100. |
| 50 | | Jo. Mason | Oak timber | From 2*l.* 10*s.* to 3*l.* per load. |
| 51 | | Peter Blackborow | Deals, timber | From 7*l.* 10*s.* to 10*l.* 15*s.* per 100; 2*l.* 7*s.* per load. |
| 52 | | Thos. Eglestone | Timber | 3*l.* 3*s.* per load. |
| 53 | | Sir Willm. Warren | Deals, timber | From 7*l.* to 12*l.* per cwt; 2*l.* 15*s.* per load. |
| 54 | | Peter Blackborow | Deals, timber | From 20*s.* per deal. |

II. Warrants from the Navy Comrs. to the Storekeeper and Clerk of the Cheque for receipt of goods, delivered according to contract, endorsed on the warrant or annexed to it; those without the contract are distinguished by an asterisk: C. signifies that the goods are to be delivered at Chatham; D., Deptford; and W., Woolwich.

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| | 1665 | | | | | |
| 55 | Jan. 2 | Robt. Moorcock C. | Oak, elm, and ash timber. | 100, 30, and 200 loads. | 1*l.* 18*s.* to 2*l.* 8*s.* per load. | Any over 140 feet to be marked where it is to be cut. |
| 56 | " " | Hen. Higford C. | Ash, and oak, and beech timber. | { 20 loads / 6 loads } | 1*l.* 4*s.* to 1*l.* 6*s.* per load. | |
| 57 | " 3 | Sir Wm. Warren and Wm. Castell. D. | Oak timber | 3,000 loads | 2*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* to 3*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* per load. | |
| 58 | " 4 | *Mr. Amner C. | Painted wire work | 500 feet. | | |
| 59 | " 5 | John Morecock C. | Oak, compass, and knee timber. | 350 loads | 2*l.* 6*s.* to 3*l.* per load. | |
| 60 | " 6 | Humphrey Swan D. | Burning reed | 80,000 sheaves | 1*l.* 9*s.* per 1,000 sheaves. | Half for Woolwich. |
| 61 | " 7 | Wm. Stanley C. | Bayonne black rosin | 80 or 100 tons | 9*l.* and 9*l.* 5*s.* per ton. | Half for Portsmouth. |
| 62 | " 10 | *Eliza Chipp and John Fee. D. | Black oakum. | | | |

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| 63 | 1665 Jan. 13 | Sir Wm. Warren | C. | Gottenburg masts and other naval provisions. | 977 masts | 3*l.* 6*s.* to 43*l.* per mast. | 1,000*l.* to be paid by way of imprest; part for Portsmouth, Deptford, and Woolwich. |
| 64 | " 17 | Edw. Bilton and Fras. Asty. | C. | Riga Rhine hemp | 40 or 50 tons | 46*l.* per ton | A parcel of pass hemp belonging to the said merchants, to be viewed and reported on. |
| 65 | " 19 | John Berrys | D. | French canvas | 10 bales | 1*s.* 2*d.* per ell. | |
| 66 | " 20 | *Edw. Batten | C. | Cotton candles | 112 doz. lbs. | | |
| 67 | " 21 | *Sir Wm. Warren | D. | Spruce deals | | | Same quality and price as before. |
| 68 | " " | *John Berrys | D. | Vittry canvas | 4 bales | | If not equal to the pattern to be returned. |
| 69 | " 24 | *Edw. Bilton | C. | Pass hemp. | 7 tons | 1*l.* 15*s.* per cwt. | |
| 70 | " " | Hugh Upton | C. | Riga Rhine hemp | 100 tons | 2*l.* 6. per cwt. | |
| 71 | " " | *Rich. Haile | D. | Lines and twine | Lines 4,190 doz.; twine, 10 cwt. | | To be sent to Portsmouth. |
| 72 | " " | Denis Gauden | D. | Beef tallow | | 46*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ton. | To be received from time to time, as oxen are killed for the use of the navy. |
| 73 | " 26 | James Blackman | D. | Cables of Riga hemp | 3 of 10 inches | 2*l.* 2*s.* per cwt. | |
| 74 | " 31 | John Siborne | C. | 2-3¼ inch cordage | 11 cwt. | | |
| 75 | Feb. 4 | Elizabeth King | D. | Ashen capstan bars | 260 of 15—25 feet. | 2*d.* per foot. | |
| 76 | " 7 | Nich. Bradley | D. | Anchors | 2 of 53 cwt., 1 of 55 cwt. | 2*l.* 10*s.* per cwt. | |
| 77 | " 2 | " " | D. | Ironwork | | Various prices | Part to be sent to Portsmouth by the Augustine. |
| 78 | " 9 | *Edw. Low | D. | English tallow | 6 tons | | Two tons for Woolwich, the remainder for Chatham. |
| 79 | " 28 | Peter Blackborow | D. | Oak plank | 20 loads | 4*l.* per load. | |
| 80 | March 4 | Robt. Waith | D. | Brunswick linen cloth | 5,000 ells | 7*d.* per ell | To be sent to Chatham. |
| 81 | " " | John Harbin | D. | Vittry canvas | 12 bales | 1*s.* 2*d.* per ell. | |
| 82 | " 11 | *Capt. John Taylor | C. | New England masts | 1 ship's load | | Allowance to be made for the extra charge of sending the ship to Chatham, instead of its coming direct into the river. |
| 83 | " 13 | Wm. Attaway | C. | Pinnaces | 5. | | |
| 84 | " 14 | John Harbin | D. | Noyals canvas | 60 bales | 18*l.* per bale. | |
| 85 | " " | *Sir Wm. Batten | D. | Wadding for junk | | | To be re-issued to the merchant ships employed as men-of-war. |
| 86 | " 15 | *Mr. Staines | C. | Globe lanterns | 3 | | For the Prince Royal. |
| 87 | " " | Wm. Okeley | C. | Oak timber | 60 loads | 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* per load. | |
| 88 | " 16 | Rich. Grensted | C. | Birch broome | 314 doz. | | |
| 89 | " " | *John Harbin | D. | Vittry canvas | 6 bales. | | |
| 90 | " 17 | John Savage and Geo. Peirce. | C. | Oak timber | 100 loads | 2*l.* 6*s.* per load. | |
| 91 | " 18 | Nich. Bradley | D. | Ironwork | | From 1*l.* 10*s.* to 1*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* per cwt. | Part to be sent to Chatham and part for the fleet. |
| 92 | " " | *John Lewin | D. | Sackcloth hammocks | 2,000. | | |
| 93 | " 23 | *Capt. John Taylor | C. | Large deals | 160 | | To be measured and reported on. |
| 94 | " 25 | Edw. Buckle | D. | Elm timber | 60 loads | 2*l.* 7*s.* per load. | |
| 95 | " 25 | Peter Blackborow | D. | Elm timber<br>Boom spars | 100 loads<br>2,000 spars | 1*l.* 15*s.* per load.<br>3*l.* 10*s.* per 120. | |
| 2 | " 28 | John Wilde | C. | Faggots of broom | 30,000 | 3*l.* 5*s.* per 1,000. | |
| 97 | " " | John Batty | C. | Oak and elm trees | 36 | 1*l.* 16*s.* per load | |
| 98 | " " | *Mr. Young and Mr. Whistler. | D. | Ensigns, flags, and pendants. | | | To be sent for distribution to the fleet. |
| 99 | " " | John Harris | D. | Holland duck | 50 bolts | 1*s.* 10*d.* per yard. | |
| 100 | April 1 | *Peter Blackborow | D. | Balks, spars, and barlings. | 2,000 | | Part for Chatham and Woolwich. |
| 101 } 102 } | " 4 | *Geo. Hudson | D. | Tobacco stalks for wadding. | 6 tons | | To be sent on board the first vessel bound for Harwich. |
| 103 | " " | James Wooldham | C. | Charcoal | 120 sacks. | | |
| 104 | " " | Edw. Smith | C. | Blocks | 100 doz. | | |
| 105 | " " | *Jos. Stapely | D. | Tarred marlin, for tying up straw for wadding. | 15 bundles. | | |

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| 106 | 1665. April " | *Mr. Stapeley | C. | Cables | 4 of 12 inches, and 4 of 10. | | The strand to be weighed in Mr. Stapely's yard at Wapping Dock. |
| 107 | " 7 | Thos. Wells | D. | Wood-burnt bricks<br>Lime | 50,000<br>50 loads | 1*l.* per 1,000.<br>16*s.* per load. | |
| 108 | " " | John Watts | C. | Tiles | 83,000 | From 1*l.* 1*s.* per 1,000, and 14*s.* per 100. | |
| 109 | " 8 | Wm. Terrell | D. | Riga and Quinsborough hemp cordage. | 15 tons | 2*l.* 5*s.* per cwt. | To be laid into cables, the strands to be weighed in his rope-yard. |
| 110 | " " | Wm. Bushell | D. | Riga Rhine and Riga pass hemp cordage. | 20 tons | 2*l.* 5*s.* per cwt. | Ditto. |
| 111 | " " | Wm. Bodycott | D. | Riga and Quinsborough hemp cordage. | 12 tons | 2*l.* 5*s.* per cwt. | Ditto. |
| 112 | " " | Rich. Sperman | D. | Riga Rhine and pass hemp cordage. | 15 tons | 1*l.* 5*s.* per cwt. | Ditto. |
| 113 | " " | Jos. Stapely | D. | Quinsborough Rhine and Riga pass hemp cordage. | 20 tons | 2*l.* 5*s.* per cwt. | Ditto. |
| 114 | " " | *Geo. Boddy<br>Peter Blackborow<br>Mr. Sherly | D. | Wainscots, balks, spars, timber, deals, &c. | | | Part for Chatham and Portsmouth. |
| 115 | " " | Wm. Wood | D. | Dram deals | 3,000 | 6*l.* 12*l.* per 120. | |
| 116 | " " | Robt. Mayors | C. | Black rosin | 15 tons | | To be sent to Chatham. |
| 117 | " 10 | *Edw. Whitton | C. | Deals | 400. | | |
| 118 | " 12 | *Wm. Attaway | C. | Pinnaces | 2. | | |
| 119 | " 13 | *Capt. John Taylor | C. | Deals and plank | | | Imported from time to time in the Black Cock. |
| 120 | " 15 | | C. | Timber, plank, and knees. | | | From the prize ship at Rochester. |
| 121 | " 20 | Constance Pley | C. | Noyals canvas | 450 bales | From 12*l.* to 18*l.* per bale. | |
| 122 | " | *Mr. Day and Jos. Webb. | D. | White oakum | 3 tons. | | |
| 123 | " " | *Mr. Stacey | D. | Brimstone | 2 tons | 1*l.* 6*s.* per cwt. | |
| 124 | " 21 | Wm. Attaway | C. | Boats | 2. | | |
| 125 | " 22 | *Geo. Hudson | D. | Tobacco stalks | 50 bundles | | To be sent for Harwich. |
| 126 | " " | *Wm. Okell | C. | Oak timber | 16 loads. | | |
| 127 | " 26 | *Thos. Ashley | C. | White and drift sand | 50 tons. | | |
| 128 | " 27 | Mr. Mason | C. | Oak and elm timber | 650 loads | From 2*l.* 6*s.* to 2*l.* 14*s.* per load. | |
| 129 | " " | John Harbin | D. | Noyals canvas<br>Vittry canvas | 32 bales<br>3,000 ells | 12*l.* to 16*l.* 10*s.* per bale.<br>1*s.* 2*d.* per ell. | |
| 130 | " " | John Downing | D. | Anchors | 27 | From 1*l.* 15*s.* to 2*l.* 15*s.* per cwt. | |
| 131 | " 29 | *John Charles | C. | Press barrels | 40. | | |
| 132 | " " | *Thos. Staines | C. | Poop lanterns | 30. | | |
| 133 | May 2 | *Sir Wm. Warren | D. | West-keel deals | 1,000 | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 134 | " 4 | John Harris | D. | Hammocks | 1,500 | 1*s.* 8*d.* each. | |
| 135 | " " | Wm. Harrington | D. | Oars | 2,000 | 2*d.* to 8*d.* per foot. | |
| 136 | " " | Nich. Bradley | D. | Anchors and ironwork | 20 anchors | From 1*l.* 15*s.* to 1*l.* 15*s.* per cwt. | |
| 137 | " 5 | *John Wilde | C. | Leather buckets and scuppers. | 15 doz. of each | | To be sent to Dover for 3rd and 4th rate ships. |
| 138 | " 9 | Chris. Coles | C. | Treenails | 26,000 | From 2*l.* 11*s.* to 7*l.* 10*s.* per 1,000. | Only those for Chatham to be received. |
| 139 | " " | John Myson | C. | Oak timber | 50 loads | 1*l.* 16*s.* per load. | |
| 140 | " " | *Rich. Hale | D. | Tarred marlin | 1½ tons. | | |
| 141 | " " | Sir Wm. Warren | D. | West-keel deals | 12,000 | 8*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* per 120. | 5,000 to be sent to Harwich, and 3,000 to Chatham. |
| 142 | " " | Chris. Coles | D. | Treenails | 26,000 | From 2*l.* 11*s.* to 7*l.* 10*s.* per 1,000. | Only those for Deptford to be received. |
| 143 | " 12 | *Wm. Freeborne | D. | Leather scuppers | 10 doz | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 144 | " 25 | *Edmund Reyner | D. | Boats | | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 145 | " 6 | Wm. Chambers | C. | Oak timber | 200 loads | 2*l.* 5*s.* per load. | |
| 146 | " 27 | *Jos. Stapeley and five others. | D. | Cordage | 65 tons | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 147 | " 30 | *Rich. Hale | D. | Rattling coils | 3 tons. | | |
| 148 | June 1 | *Henry Haggerstone. | C. | New England topmast and yard. | | | |

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| 149 | June 2 | *Lambert Wood | D. | Part of the London's wreck. | | | Taken up and brought to Deptford. |
| 150 | " 2 | Henry Higsford | C. | Oak and elm timber | 340 loads | From 1*l.* 18*s.* to 2*l.* 8*s.* per load. | |
| 151 | " " | *Rich. Hals | D. | White oakum | 2 tons | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 152 | " 4 | *Thos. Staines | C. | Globe lanterns | 4 | | For the Plymouth and Revenge. |
| 153 | " 5 | Robt. Moorcock | C. | Oak and elm timber | 250 loads | From 2*l.* 4*s.* to 3*l.* 2*s.* per load. | |
| 154 | " 7 | Robt. Combar | C. | Oak, elm, and beech timber. | 178 loads | From 1*l.* 18*s.* to 3*l.* per load. | |
| 155 | " 8 | *Thos. Goodwin | C. | Spike and nail spike | 30,000. | | |
| 156 | " 10 | Robt. Moorcock | C. | Oak timber | 850 loads | 3*l.* 3*s.* per load | To be received from time to time. |
| 157 | " " | Mark Croney | D. | Masts | 12 | From 1*l.* 12*s.* to 18*l.* each. | |
| 158 | " " | *Rich. Howell | D. | Brushes | 2 gross | | To be sent for distribution amongst the fleet. |
| 159 | " " | *John Wilde | C. | Scuppers | 50 doz. | | |
| 160 | " 12 | John Heward | C. | Oak timber | 200 loads | 2*l.* 8*s.* per load. | |
| 161 | " 13 | Wm. Chambers | C. | Oak and elm timber | 220 loads | From 1*l.* 18*s.* to 2*l.* 2*s.* per load. | |
| 162 | " " | Wm. Wood | D. | Masts and bowsprits | 411 | From 15*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* to 33*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* each. | To be received from time to time, if approved by Chris. Pett and Jonas Shish. |
| 163 | " " | *Mr. Downing and two others. | W. | Boat and fire grapnels | 62. | | |
| 164 | " " | " " | D. | Grapnels, chains, and anchors. | | | |
| 165 | " 15 | Peter Blackborow | D. | Oak timber | 735 loads | 3*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* per load. | |
| 166 | " " | " " | D. | Long sound timber | 100 pieces. | | |
| 167 | " 17 | Edw. Halbert | D. | Treenails | 58,000. | | |
| 168 | " 20 | John Glyde | D. | Oak plank | 600 loads | 4*l.* 6*s.* per load | One ship's lading to be received. |
| 169 | " 22 | " " | D. | Plank | | | To make up 200 loads upon the last warrant. |
| 170 | " " | *Mr. Barrowes and Mr. Foly | D. | Brass shivers<br>Nails | 30<br>9 tons | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 171 | " 25 | *Wm. Attaway | C. | Pinnaces | 4. | | |
| 172 | " 28 | Sir Wm. Rider | D. | Noyals canvas | 23 bales | 18*l.* per bale | |
| 173 | " 29 | *Robt. Halfacre | C. | Broom faggots | 3,850. | | |
| 174 | July 1 | John Hall | D. | Vittry canvas | 3,000 ells | 1*s.* 2½*d.* per ell | To be sent to Chatham. |
| 175 | " 4 | *Geo. Hudson | D. | Tobacco stalks | 10 tons | | To be sent to the fleet. |
| 176 | " " | *Sir Wm. Warren | C. | West-keel deals | 1 ship's load | | Quality and dimensions to be reported. |
| 177 | " " | John Harbin | D. | Noyals canvas | 100 bales | 18*l.* per bale. | |
| 178 | " 3 | *John Wood | C. | Tallow | 2 tons. | | |
| 179 | " 6 | Jarvis Maplesden | C. | Ash billets | 35 loads | 1*l.* 3*s.* per load. | |
| 180 | " " | *Jos. Stapeley | D. | Lines and tarred marlin. | 11 tons and 40 doz. | | |
| 181 | " 8 | Sir Wm. Warren | D. | West-keel deals | 12,000 | 7*l.* 10*s.* per 120. | |
| 182 | " " | John Harbin | D. | Vittry canvas | 25,000 ells | 1*s.* 2*d.* per ell. | |
| 183 | " 11 | Peter Blackborow | D. | West-keel deals | 6,000 | 7*l.* 10*s.* per 120. | |
| 184 | " 13 | *Geo. Hudson | D. | Tobacco stalks | 44 bundles | | To be sent to Chatham |
| 185 | " 15 | *Mr. Robinson | D. | Copper furnaces | 2 pr. | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 186 | " " | *John Richards | D. | Spikes for fishing masts. | 1 ton. | | |
| 187 | " 16 | Peter Rich | D. | Christiana deals | 6,000 | 6*l.* 15*s.* per 120 | To be sent to Chatham. |
| 188 | " " | Sir Wm. Warren | D. | Lerwick deals | 14,000 | 6*l.* 10*s.* per 120 | To be sent to Chatham |
| 189 | " " | *Edw. Stedden | D. | Lines, ropes, and spun yarn. | 2½ tons. | | |
| 190 | " 20 | *Chris. Coles | C. | Elm and beechplank | 60 loads | 4*l.* per load. | |
| 191 | " 21 | *John Wilde | C. | Leather scuppers | 40 doz. | | To be sent to Harwich. |
| 192 | " 22 | John Glyde | C. | Oak plank | 600 loads | 4*l.* 6*s.* per load | Only part to be received. |
| 193 | " 25 | *Wm. Bodycot | D. | Tarred lines | 100 doz. | | |
| 194 | " 29 | John Ovest | D. | Noyal's canvas | 20 bales | 16*l.* 10*s.* per bale. | |
| 195 | " 31 | *Rich. Howell | D. | Shovels, ballast baskets, scoops, &c. | 250 doz. | | To be distributed to Portsmouth, Chatham, Harwich and Deptford. |
| 196 | Aug. 8 | Edw Fridde | C. | Ash and hornbeam billets. | 50 loads | 1*l.* 8*s.* per load. | |
| 197 | " " | Jarvis Scott | C. | Ash billets | 10 loads | 1*l.* 7*s.* per load. | |
| 198 | " 12 | John Harbin | C. | Noyals canvas<br>Vittry canvas | 100 bales<br>10,000 ells | 18*l.* 10*s.* per bale.<br>1*s.* 2½*d.* per ell. | |

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| 199 | Aug. 14 | *Widow Smith | C. | Ox hair | 1 ton. | | |
| 200 | " " | *Thos. Staines | C. | Globe lanterns | 6. | | |
| 201 | " 15 | *Wm. Attaway | C. | Pinnaces | 3. | | |
| 202 | " 19 | *Jos. Stapeley | D. | Tarred marlin | 3 tons. | | |
| 203 | " 17 | Peter Blackborow | D. | Deals | 9,060 | 6*l.* 5*s.* to 2*l.* 10*s.* per 120. | |
| | | | | Timber | 150 loads | 2*l.* 8*s.* to 2*l.* 10*s.* per load. | |
| | | | | Spruce deals, 38 ft. | 60 | 12*s.* each. | |
| 204 | " 25 | *Sir Wm. Rider | C. | Pitch and tar | 43 lasts. | | |
| 205 | " " | Sir Wm. Rider, Alderman Ed. Backwell, Wm. Cutler | C. | Rhine hemp | | | Brought in the ship Stockfish. |
| 206 | " 29 | *John Downing | D. | Ironwork | 4 tons, &c. | | |
| 207 | " " | *Edw. Stadden | D. | Yarn and lashing lines | 4 tons. | | |
| 208 | " " | *Rich. Hale | D. | Lines | 556 doz. | | Some for Harwich and Portsmouth. |
| 209 | " 31 | *John Gibbs | D. | Bayonne rozin | 15 tons. | | |
| 210 | Sept. 9 | Sir Wm. Warren | D. | Deals | 5,400 | From 2*s.* to 13*s.* each; and 8*l.* 15*s.* per 120. | |
| 211 | " " | *Sir Wm. Rider and Wm. Cutler. | D. | Pitch | 9 lasts. | | |
| 212 | " " | Sir Wm. Warren | D. | Elm timber | 101 loads | 2*l.* 15*s.* per load. | |
| 213 | " " | Robt. Walth | D. | English tallow | 20 tons | 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. | |
| 214 | " 19 | John Symonds | D. | Oars | 5,000 | | For Harwich and Portsmouth. |
| 215 | " 19 | *Wm. Stanley | C. | Bayonne rozin | | | Brought by the John of Calais. |
| 216 | " 19 | Capt. Geo. Cook | D. | Tar | 22 lasts | 4*l.* 10*s.* per last | |
| | | | | Pitch | 32 lasts | 18*s.* per last. | |
| | | | | Deals | 300 | 6*l.* per 120. | |
| 217 | " " | *Wm. Bowyer | D. | Bayonne rozin | 6 tons. | 11*l.* per ton. | |
| 218 | " 22 | Wm. Chamber | C. | Brush faggots | 15,000 | 15*s.* per 100. | |
| 219 | " 26 | Sir Wm. Warren | C. | West-keel deals | 4,000 | | Expected from Norway; quality and dimensions to be reported. |
| 220 | Oct. 19 | Capt. John Taylor and Sir Wm. Warren. | D. | New England masts and bowsprits. | 36 | Masts from 36*l.* to 115*l.*; bowsprits from 24*l.* to 75*l.* each. | Ropes and staples to be provided for securing them on delivery. |
| 221 | " 19 | John Fasberry | C. | Ash, beech, and chesnut hand spikes. | 200 doz. | 6*s.* per doz. | |
| 222 | " 14 | *Sir Wm. Warren | D. | Gottenburg pitch & tar | 20 lasts. | | |
| 223 | " " | *Sir Wm. Warren | D. | Deals | 200 | | If useful for the Navy. |
| 224 | " 18 | *Rich. Howell | D. | Engines | 5 | | For the Royal Katherine, St. Andrew, Revenge, and Old James. |
| 225 | " 26 | Wm. Seagood | D. | Spruce deals | 345 | From 14*s.* to 18*s.* each | |
| 226 | " 31 | Robt. Mutton | D. | Anchors | 30 | 1*l.* 4*s.* and 1*l.* 17*s.* per cwt. | |
| 227 | Nov. 3 | Wm. Harman | C. | Oak plank | 20 loads | 4*l.* 10*s.* per load. | |
| 228 | " 6 | John Baynard | C. | Elm timber | 70 loads | 1*l.* 15*s.* per load. | |
| 229 | " " | Edw. Carpenter | C. | Broom | 4,000 | 3*l.* per 1,000. | |
| 230 | " 7 | *Capt. Rich. Country. | C. | Boat | 123 ft. by 6½ ft. | | |
| 231 | " 10 | *Isaac Willmor | C. | Burning broom | 5,300. | | |
| 232 | " 14 | John Downing | D. | Anchors | 26 | From 1*l.* 12*s.* to 2*l.* 6*s.* per cwt. | |
| 233 | " 22 | *Wm. Attaway | C. | Pinnaces | 8. | | |
| 234 | " 23 | John Downing | D. | Ironwork | | 2*l.* 7*s.* per cwt. | |
| | | | | Anchors | 9 | Various prices. | |
| 235 | " " | Nich. Bradley | D. | Ironwork | | 2*l.* 7*s.* per cwt. | |
| | | | | Anchors | 6 | Various prices. | |
| 236 | " 25 | *Edw. Hulbert | D. | Treenails | 20 loads. | | |
| 237 | " 28 | Wm. Chambers | C. | Burning reed | 60,000 | 1*l.* 8*s.* per 1,000. | |
| 238 | Dec. 19 | *Sir Wm. Warren | D. | Norway deals, balks, oars, &c. | 1 ship's load | | Quality and dimensions to be reported. |
| 239 | " 19 | *Edmond Reyner | D. | Boats | | | As many as required for the vessels fitting out for sea. |
| 240 | " 22 | John Ruffhead | C. | Anchors | 8 | From 2*l.* 10*s.* to 3*l.* per cwt. | |
| 241 | " 26 | *Sir Wm. Rider and Company. | C. | Pitch, tar, and hemp | | | Quantity and quality to be reported. |
| 242 | " 26 | *Capt. Pearce | C. | Pitch | 80 barrels | | Allowance to be taken if the barrels be not full. |

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III. Contracts or Minutes of Contracts with the Navy Comrs., for purchase of goods, chiefly notes in the handwriting of Sam. Pepys:—

| No. | Date. | | Name. | Articles. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 243 | Jan. | 3 | Edw. Bilton and Fras. Asty - - | Riga hemp. |
| | | | Mr. Langley; Mr. Jones - - | Adam and Eve and Isabella ketches. |
| 244 | " | 12 | Mr. Bradley - - - | Anchors. |
| 245 | " | 13 | John Osborne - - - | Straight and compass timber. |
| 246 | " | 17 | Sir Wm. Rider, Aldn. Edw. Backwell and Wm. Cutler | Rhine hemp. |
| 247 | " | 21 | Mr. Upton; Mr. Bradley - - | Riga hemp; an anchor. |
| 248–250 | " | 26 | Jos. Childe and John Shorter - | Masts, bowsprits, yards. |
| 251 | " | | Capt. Cock, Denis Gauden - - | Hemp, tallow. |
| 252 | " | | Sir Wm. Rider and Mr. Cutler - | Stockholm tar. |
| 253 | Feb. | 4 | Eliz. King - - - | Capstone bars. |
| 254 | " | 21 | Rich. and John Osborne - - | 200 trees, plank; compass timber. |
| 255 | " | 26 | Chris. Coles - - - | Planks, trenails, and elm boards. |
| 256 | " | | Henry Adams - - - - | Hoy. |
| 257 | " | | Thos. Thompson and Ste. Helby - - | Vessel and hoy. |
| 258 | " | | John Berry - - - | Canvas. |
| 259 | March | 15 | Willm. Buckingham - - | Timber. |
| 260 | " | | Peter Blackborow - - - | Elm timber; spars. |
| 261 | " | | Edw. Dering - - - | French hemp; canvas. |
| 262–264 | April | 6 | Willm. Terrell, Rich. Sperman, and Willm. Bodycott. | Yarn. |
| 265, 266 | " | 13 | Sir Willm. Warren, Edw. Seaman - | Hemp. |
| 267 | " | 15 | John Smith - - - | 2 and 3-inch plank. |
| 268 | " | " | Fras. Bailye - - - | Ship or frigate: length 100 ft., breadth 32 ft. 6 in., depth 13 ft. 6 in. |
| 269 | " | | Jos. Stapeley, Bushell, and Stacy | Cordage and rosin. |
| 270 | " | | John Downing - - - | Anchors. |
| 271 | " | | Mr. Askue - - - | French hemp. |
| 272, 273 | " | | John Harbin - - - | Canvas. |
| 274 | | | Chris. Coles - - - | Treenails. |
| 275 | May | 1 | Sir Wm. Rider and Mr. Cutler - | Tar pitch. |
| 276 | " | 2 | Mr. Bradley - - - | Anchors, grapnels, chains. |
| 277, 278 | " | 4 | John Glyde - - - | Planks, pitch, tar, deals. |
| 279 | " | 9 | Mr. Colvill and Sir Wm. Warren - | Hemp, deal. |
| 280 | " | 22 | Mr. Stapeley and other ropemakers - | Russia and Rhine hemp yarn. |
| 281 | " | 31 | Josiah Hills - - - | Oak timber. |
| 282 | June | 1 | Robt. Small - - - | Cordage. |
| 283, 284 | " | 8 | Wm. Wood - - - | Masts and bowsprits. |
| 285 | " | " | Thos. Bayly - - - | Oak plank. |
| 286 | " | 29 | Lord Byron - - - | Timber. |
| 287 | " | | Mr. Harbin - - - | Canvas. |
| 288, 289 | " | | Robt. Moorcock - - - | Timber. |
| 290, 291 | " | | Willm. Wood - - - | Masts and bowsprits. |
| 292 | July | 4 | Edw. Lewes and four others - - | Riga and Quinsborough hemp. |
| 293 | " | 13 | Sir Wm. Warren - - - | Bergen deals. |
| 294 | " | 15 | Sir Wm. Warren - - - | Deals. |
| 295 | " | 27 | Wm. Bowell - - - | Elm and oak timber. |
| 296 | " | | Mr. Harbin - - - - | Noyals and Vittry canvas. |
| 297 | Oct. | 30 | Mr. Mutton - - - | Anchors. |
| 298 | Nov. | 9 | Capt. Cock - - - - | Riga and Quinsborough hemp. |
| 299 | " | 21 | Sir Wm. Warren - - - | Masts. |
| 300 | " | | John Downing - - - | Anchors. |
| 301 | Dec. | 12 | Phin. Pett - - - - | Timber. |
| 302 | | | - - - - | Anchors. |
| 303 | | | Mr. Harbin - - - | Noyals and Vittry canvas. |
| 304 | | | Mr. Dogett - - - - | Riga and Quinsborough hemp. |

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IV. Certificates of the fitness of certain persons to fill certain offices connected with the Navy:—

| No. | Date. | Certifiers. | Persons recommended. | Office. |
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| 305 | Jan. 7 | Trinity House - - - | Rich. Kendall, Greenwich. | Master of a 5th-rate frigate. |
| 306 | " 14 | Do. - - - | Habbakuk Wyles, North Shields. | Master of a ship. |
| 307 | Feb. 15 | Do. - - - | Rich. Ward, Wapping | Master of 3rd, 4th, or 5th-rate ship. |
| 308 | March 29 | Do. - - | Edw. Watts, of Lundrome. | Master of 4th or 5th-rate ship. |
| 309 | May 30 | Wm. Badiley and J. Uthwat - | John Hunt - - | Master of a galliot boy. |
| 310 | July 1 | Trinity House - - | Nath. Webb, of Limehouse. | Master of a 5th-rate frigate. |
| 311 | " 28 | Capt. Geo. Erwin and two others | Stephen Hills - | Gunner of Providence fire-ship. |
| 312 | Sept. 12 | Rob. Mutton and two others | George Carpenter - | Purser of Constant Warwick. |
| 313 | " 16 | Wm. Badiley and J. Uthwat - | Matthew White - | Boatswain of 3rd or 4th-rate ship. |
| 314 | " 18 | Christopher Pett and Francis Fletcher. | William Adams - | Carpenter of 3rd or 4th-rate ship. |
| 315 | " 20 | Hugh Hyde and two others - | James Gother - | Boatswain of a ship. |
| 316 | " 21 | Christopher Pett - - | William Wooley - | Master carpenter of the Friesland fly-boat. |
| 317 | Oct. 4 | John Proud and two others - | James Langrack, Greenwich. | Master of a ship. |
| 318 | " 10 | Robert Ensom and three others | John Berry - - | Master and commander of the Swallow ketch. |
| 319 | " 12 | Christopher Pett and Francis Fletcher. | James Fletcher - | Master carpenter in the Breda. |
| 320 | " 15 | Wm. Badiley and two others - | Abraham Ham - | Boatswain in a 6th-rate frigate. |
| 321 | " 26 | Wm. Badiley and two others - | Henry Marvin - | Boatswain of the yard at Harwich, and assistant to the master of attendance. |
| 322 | " 30 | John Hart - - - - | Jarvis Wilson - | Purser of a ship. |
| 323 | " | Charles Juxon - | Charles Gray - / Elias Gray - | Boatswain / Gunner } of the Land of Promise prize fire-ship. |
| 324 | Nov. 4 | Phin. Pett and six others - | Thomas Glasebrook | Master gunner or boatswain of 3rd, 4th, or 5th-rate ship. |
| 325 | " 7 | Richard Teate - - - | Robert Young - | Master gunner of the Friesland. |
| 326 | Dec. 2 | Phin. Pett and Jno. Lawrence - | Thos Ive - - | Master carpenter of 3rd or 4th-rate ship. |
| 327 | " 4 | Christopher Pett and two others | Francis Freeman - | Master carpenter of 3rd or 4th-rate ship. |
| 328 | " 7 | Christopher Pett and Francis Fletcher. | Thomas Robinson - | Master carpenter of 4th or 5th-rate ship. |
| 329 | " 9 | Phin. Pett and Jos. Lawrence - | John Martin - | Master carpenter of the Fountain. |
| 330 | | Wm. Greaves and two others - | Humphrey Bull - | Carver of ships. |
| 331 | | Robert Ensom and John Berry | John Taylor - | Gunner of the Swallow ketch. |
| 332 | | Wm. Badiley and three others - | Abraham Browne - | Purser or gunner of 3rd or 4th-rate ship. |

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PETITIONS, all addressed to the King, unless otherwise specified.

1. Royal African Company. For direction to the Lord Treasurer to assign the payment of 7,600*l.*, due the Company from His Majesty as one of the members; the gathering of the 170,000*l.* due by the

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members is necessary, for the present supply of a trade found so useful in vending native manufactures, and furnishing the plantations with negroes, and the kingdom with gold; a trade which would be more useful but for the Hollanders, who build their wealth on the ruins of the English.

2. Col. Godfrey Ashby, Major Oliver Bingley, and Capt. Chas. Fox, sufferers in the wars of the late King. For the Lord Chancellor's speedy dispatch of a decree against Wm. Guise and others for detaining in their hands large sums of money left by Giles Cox, 43 Eliz., for charitable uses in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire; they were sued about it in 1651, but being of the prevailing party, the matter was dropped; also for a grant to the petitioners of some benefit from 1,000*l.* of that money, which was left for the use of wounded soldiers.

3. Walter Lord Aston. For an English peerage in recompense for 7,000*l.* debt owed to his late father for embassies in Spain, and 5,000*l.* more spent in the service of the late King, who promised him Heylings Park and Tutbury race, &c., instead, but the rebellion prevented; the petitioner was also promised an English baronage, on his inheriting the estate of his uncle, Ralph Sadler.

4. Ant. Atkinson, keeper of the bowling green, Whitehall. For a continuance of the grant thereof, not only during the life of Mr. Kirk, who procured it for him, but that of his own son; was faithful to the late King as servant of Sir Rob. Shirley.

5. John Atkinson and Ben. Brockwell, violinists to His Majesty. For a bill for their fees for the private concert; have only 20*d.* per day, and 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* a year for livery, as the band of violins, without diet or board-wages, yet are forbidden to seek employment elsewhere.

6. Edward Backwell. For favour in his cause before the Lord Chief Justice, lest he should be called to account for 4,000*l.* advanced to Sir Augustine Coronell, on His Majesty's behalf; Coronell has since got into trouble on account of the King of Portugal, and failed, and his creditors endeavour to involve the petitioner in his debts.

7. Roger Ball, of Westminster. For a place in the Charter House, on the present vacancy; is old, and lost his hand in service of the late King.

8. Nicholas Earl of Banbury. For a writ of summons to the present Parliament as an Earl; is legally entitled thereto, and has always paid poll and benevolence money as an earl.

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9. Isaac, son of Dr. Isaac Basire, chaplain in ordinary. For a warrant to the temporal chancellor of the county palatine of Durham to grant him the office of Keeper of the park and woods of Frankland and Ryton.

10. Ferdinando Baud. For the place of Clerk of the Market in Lincolnshire and five other counties; the late act makes so slender provision for that office that no gentleman of quality will undertake it; his family lost an estate of 700*l.* a year by their loyalty.

11. Rebecca Bedell. For the grant of a small estate of her late husband, forfeit to the crown because he poisoned himself.

12. Sir Humphrey Bennet. For a grant of the fines of 1,000*l.* and 500*l.* imposed on John Machill and Mr. Tully, in the court of King's Bench.

13. Sir John Bennet, gentleman pensioner. For some proportion of moneys due for fee-farm rents which are not paid into the Exchequer, to be discovered by him at his own cost.

14. Thomas Bennet. To have the transportation of all felons and other convicts not judged worthy of death, a bill being now before the Commons to change their sentence into transportation.

15. Thomas Bennet, son of Sir Hum. Bennet. To have the transportation of 150 reprieved convicts, from London, Middlesex and the two western circuits.

16. Thomas Bennet. To the same effect.

17. Thomas Earl of Berkshire. Is very anxious to pay his creditors; a grant for 8,000*l.* for his many losses in the late King's cause has brought in nothing; His Majesty pleases to offer 8,000*l.* for Berkshire House, which cost much more; prays for 16,000*l.* ready money, in lieu of the house and the said grant.

18. Sir William Blakiston. For relief; incurred debts by his services during the late troubles, and by the charge of several troops of horse since the Restoration. Marked, "Sir Wm. Blakiston 100*l.*"

19. Thomas Blood. His wife being daughter and heir of John Holcroft, of Holcroft, co. Lancaster, some of the Holcroft family, in league with Rich. Calvely, who had a lapsed claim on part of the estate, combine to defraud him of it by law or violence. Calvely is in prison for killing a bailiff sent to apprehend him; requests, in case of his conviction, to have the part of John Holcroft's estate which he seized, and which will then be forfeit to the Crown.

20. James Blunt and 3 other poor men to the King and Council, for some other mode of payment, Lord Hatton, to whom their case was referred on May 27, giving no satisfaction to supply their wants.

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21. Sir William Bolton, alderman and mercer of London. That a debt due to him of 3,580*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.* for rich velvets, gold stuffs, &c., for furnishing the Queen's bed-chamber, may be allowed in part of 5,000*l.* which he intends to contribute towards the 100,000*l.* to be lent to His Majesty by the City.

22. Thos. Bradley to the Queen. For presentation to the rectory of Castleford, co. York, in reward for his services at home and abroad to the King.

23. Sir Richard Braham, Bart. For appointment as one of the Commissioners for prize goods; has lost and suffered much for his loyalty, and received no compensation.

24. Bridget, widow of Thomas Bray, late groom of the bedchamber. For the pension of 500*l.* a year usually allowed to widows of grooms of the bedchamber, or for 2,000*l.* at once from the money in the Tower or the Customs; her late husband's pension is in arrear, and she starving, the 10,000*l.* which she brought him in marriage being spent in his long service at Court. Marked "Le Roy y avisera."

25. Major John Briscoe and Capt. Elias Tarrant. For relief, the miseries of their families being inexpressible, and they wishful to serve with their lives.

26. Mat. Browne, M.A., fellow of Emanuel College, Cambridge. For a letter to the Master and Fellows to continue him in the fellowship which he has enjoyed 7 or 8 years, although by laborious study he has fallen distracted, and is unable to perform the usual exercises.

27. Richard Buckworth, M.A. For presentation to the Vicarage of Walpole, Norfolk, void by death of Tobias Hall; was dismissed from his fellowship in Trinity College, Cambridge, for his loyalty; served as a major against the rebels in the late war, and only received from the Bishop of Lincoln a prebend, value 15*l.* a year *Annexing.*

27. I. *Certificate by Gervase Moore and 9 other vicars and rectors in Lincolnshire and Derbyshire, on behalf of the petitioner.* [*Latin.*]

28. George Duke of Buckingham. For the reversion of the lease of Walsingham House, adjoining his own, which he holds from Mr. Kirk, who has a patent for it for life. *Annexing,*

28. I. *Note of a grant of Walsingham House to William Lord Knollys and Elizabeth his wife, March 20, 1611, stating that no grant of it to Mr. Kirk can be found, but that in his rental, it is charged on the Duke of Buckingham, and is in the manor of Westminster, which is passed to the Queen as her jointure.*

28. II. *Note, that this house belongs to the Queen, but her officers not knowing it, Mr. Kirk held it as housekeeper of White-*

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*hall, though not in his grant; therefore the petitioner hopes the Queen will grant him a lease at the old rent, he being the discoverer of it, as it was out of the knowledge of her officers.*

28. III. *Similar paper—not duplicate.*

28. IV. *Description of Walsingham House which, though part of the Queen's jointure, is in possession of Mr. Kirk, housekeeper at Whitehall, though not mentioned in his patent of his place.*

29. William Bucknall. For continuance of favour, or if accused, for leave to answer for himself; fears by some menacing words of his enemies, and some expressions of His Majesty when at the Lord Treasurer's, that endeavours have been made to provoke His Majesty against him.

30. Katherine, widow of Sir Thos. Byron. For some bounty, or a pension for her old age, in reward for her husband's services; has received nothing yet but the 700*l.* owed to him, and paid at the rate of 200*l.* a year.

31. Dr. Peter Chamberlain, only remaining physician of the late King, and eldest physician of His Majesty. That his eldest son, lately admitted physician-extraordinary, may be admitted as ordinary, to supply the defects of his aged attendance, but one salary to serve for both.

32. Dr. Peter Chamberlain. For a special patent for the sole making, for 14 years, of coaches, waggons, carts, ploughs, &c., to go without horses, such as he saw at Augsburg 50 years past, the same being only included in general terms, in his Letters Patent for navigation, under the name of private and public works of strength and motion.

33. Dr. Peter Chamberlain, eldest physician in ordinary, eldest fellow of the College of Surgeons, &c., to Parliament, for an Act, granting him a patent, similar to those granted him in France, Venice, and the United Netherlands, for his new invention of navigating with all winds in a straight line. With answers to such objections as envy or ignorance may find against his scheme. [*Printed.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Vindication of Dr. Chamberlain, sen., the King's eldest physician, from the accusations of his enemies; showing that he is not, as reported, "non inventus," but may be found at his lodging, Garlick Hill, near Bow Lane.*

34. John and Thomas Chamberlain. For an order to the Lord Chamberlain to re-hear a case in Chancery between Rich. Chamber-

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lain and themselves, in which the Master of the Rolls gave a decree against them; they and their late father suffered much for their loyalty.

35. Marg. Chaplain to Lord Arlington to second her petition to the King, for a grant of part of the 1,000*l.*, which she now hears is to be disposed of, or some sum from the privy purse or elsewhere; has often petitioned, but as yet received no relief.

36 Christopher Chapman, of Trinity College, Cambridge. He and other Westminster scholars were disappointed of their just expectations of fellowships in that college, on account of pre-elections, which are unwarranted by statutes and were forbidden by King James. Begs a letter for his admission to the next fellowship, as he is incapacitated by the customs of the college from the benefit of any future election.

37. Anne, daughter of the late Stephen Chace, King's apothecary. That in consideration of the loyalty of her parents, who served him when Prince, and suffered imprisonment, sequestration, and plundering, he would pity their orphans, and grant in behalf of herself and two sisters the reversion of certain offices of controller or collector of customs in Devonshire to Isaac Barton, John Rider, Edw. Hawke, and Sam. Barton.

38. The inquest of Cheap, Cripplegate, Cordwainer, Bread Street, and Farringdon Within Wards, to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of London. In spite of orders to the contrary, the abuses of Cheapside market continue, and the streets are so pestered and encroached on that the passages are blocked up, and trade decays. Request redress by fining those who allow stalls before their doors except at market times, or by appointing special persons to see to the matter, and disfranchise those who disobey; the offenders are "marvellous obstinate and refractory to all good orders" and not to be dealt with by common law.

39. Sir Thos. Clarges. The Duke of Albemarle granted him the custody of the New Park, Hampton Court, in August 1660, with the herbage and pannage, but he is debarred from the benefit of the latter, and injured to the value of nearly 300*l.* a year, by His Majesty's order for a plantation of young trees to be made in the park, and no cattle to be suffered to graze in it for seven years: requests compensation. With order thereon that the Lord Treasurer inform himself of the value of the herbage, and compensate Sir Thomas both for arrears and for the time to come, as long as the restraint continues.

40. Valentine Clarke, groom of the Queen-Mother's privy chamber. For a lease for his son, Doddington Clarke, of two unfinished rooms in the almshouse near the Gatehouse, Westminster, as compensation for his losses and services in the cause of His Majesty and of the late King.

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41. William Clewer, D.D. For a grant of the Rectory of Wharpoole, co. Norfolk; suffered much in the late times for praying for His Majesty, and not keeping the thanksgiving day for the success against him at Worcester.

42. John and George Clongh. For permission to print and disperse copies of the former statutes relating to the practice of shooting with bows and arrows, fallen much into disuse during the late troubles, whereby many bowyers, arrowhead makers, &c., are obliged to leave the realm for want of work. Also of renewal to them of the grant made to Geoffry Neve by the late King, of 1*s.*, on every branch delivered, 6*d.* for stamping bows, and 1*d.* each a pair of arrows. Endorsed "Don Francisco de Mello, concerning artillery."

43. Thomas Cobb. For a letter of dispensation to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, to grant him the Auditor's place in Winchester Church, void by death of Edw. Traffells, notwithstanding a clause in their statutes for uniting the places of chapter clerk and auditor.

44. Katherine, widow of Col. Nicholas Codrington, and Penelope, their daughter. For a pension or other relief; the late colonel lost 3,000*l.* by his loyalty, and they are reduced to great want, and have received nothing from the 60,000*l.* for indigent officers, nor the 9,000*l.* for their widows. *Annexing,*

44. I. *Certificate by Sir Edw. Seymour, and six others, of Col. Nich. Codrington's services, both before and after the Restoration.* [*Copy.*]

45. Anthony Cogan. For a lease at one fourth of their real value of such lands as he shall discover to belong to the Crown, he proving the title thereto at his own expense.

46. Katherine, wife of Humphrey Collins, of the Baryate, Duffield, co. Derby. For relief against Sam. Coles, a Nonconformist minister and captain for the Parliament in the late wars, who detains a house and land belonging to her; he refuses to receive the 30*l.* for which it was mortgaged, boasting that his purse is wider than hers.

47. Capts. Henry Comberford and Andrew Hicky, Irishmen, to Lord Arlington, for a pass to go to Geneva, where they have friends; served under the Duke of York, and afterwards in the English troops in Portugal, but are now without employment. Endorsed "Two Irishmen."

48. Anastacio Comneno, of Candia. To encourage by his own bounty the charity of the Court, and grant a brief for collections in London and Westminster, in behalf of his brother-in-law, Miguel

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Melisurgo and his family, taken captives by the Turks, for whose ransom 12,000 Spanish pieces of eight are required.

49. Capt. Henry Cooke, master of the children of the Chapel Royal. For permission for the children still to have liveries, as allowed them in 1661, but lately countermanded; engages to supply them at half less than the last year's account.

50. Francisco Corbett. Having refused the proffers of several foreign princes in order to serve His Majesty, wishes to exchange his place of groom of the privy chamber to the Queen for that of page of the backstairs to the King, for better convenience of showing his own proper talent, and to be admitted as a supernumerary till a place is vacant, and live on the pension promised him.

51. James Cotter and Thomas Macdonell. For fulfiment of His Majesty's gracious promise to grant them employment and maintenance.

52. Capt. James Cotter. For a monthly allowance for his subsistence, till he can obtain a company; has been hindered hitherto in his preferment by want of intelligence to give timely notice.

53. Capt. James Cotter For the first company that falls vacant, aand for an allowance meanwhile.

54. Capt. John Conghlan to Lord Arlington, to influence the King for his relief, and for payment of 650*l.*, his children's portion, which at His Majesty's request, he sent for relief of Pendennis Castle; for this and for relieving the army in the west, he was kept close prisoner four years, tried for his life, and sent slave to the West Indies, where he remained till the Restoration, yet now he wants bread.

55. Sir Peter Courtney. Was the first in Cornwall who appeared publicly for the late King; went at great hazard to York, to let him know the good affection of the Cornwall people; raised soldiers and spent or lost by plunder, compositions, &c., 7,000*l.*, beside seven or eight imprisonments; on the Restoration, the farm of the customs on tin in Cornwall was granted him for 3,000*l.* a year, being 1,000*l.* more than it is now let for, but his grant proved unavailing, on account of a previous one; begs a pension from the tin farm, or some other relief, being a prisoner for debt in his own house.

56. William Lord Crofts, gentleman of the bedchamber. For a grant of the two next presentations to the Vicarage of Holdenby, co. Northampton, the mansion house and park of which are granted to him; the present incumbent sues for tithes in kind from his land, instead of the 44*l.* usually paid in lieu thereof.

57. Sir Thos. Culpeper. For confirmation of the remainder still unexpired of a lease of post fines and issues of Greenwax, of the

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duchy of Lancaster, within certain counties purchased by him from the executors of Sir Roger Aston, to whom it was granted, 10 James, and for a new lease in reversion to himself and his youngest son, to repair the ruin of his family by their loyalty.

58. Sir William Darcy. For the reversion of the farm of the alum works at Mulgrave, on the same conditions as the last farmers, the alum works, as established by King James, being most useful to the kingdom, and exempted by Parliament from the penalty of a monopoly, as paying a great revenue to the Crown; holds the other works established at Skelton, long the inheritance of his ancestors.

59. Marmaduke Darell. For the next farm or a share in the farm of Newcastle coals, as enjoyed by his father and grandfather, Sir Sampson and Sir Marmaduke Darell; was kept out of the last farm by Sir Jeremy Whichcott and by Sir Thos. Ashfield, brother of Hampden Ashfield, who was a trustee for the petitioner; 6,000*l.* advanced by him to the late King, was promised to be allowed him on a new lease.

60. Anne, wife of John Davenport, of Davenport, co. Chester, and daughter of the late Sir Peter Rycaut. That the estate, value 900*l.* a year, of her husband, who fell into a frenzy six years ago, may be committed to competent persons nominated by her, as it suffers through his incapacity to manage it. With reference thereon to the Lord Chancellor.

61. Peter De Cardonnel. For a reversion of Sir Patrick Young's place in St. James's library, having been too late to obtain the place, which would have given him subsistence, and employment suitable to his genius, and for an annuity meanwhile; spent 20,000*l.*, still unpaid, in the late King's service.

62. Maurice Deladale, page of the back stairs. For licence to import from Holland 40 tons of Brazil wood, the want of which is a great hindrance to dyers, and cannot speedily be supplied by importing it in English ships from the place of growth.

63. Maria De Mendosa, a Portuguese. For denization; having important business in England, finds herself incapable of many immunities and privileges of native subjects.

64. Edward Denny, of Howe, Norfolk, to Lord Arlington, for benevolence. Was formerly owner of Goring House, his lordship's habitation, but suffered during the troubles, and was obliged to sell it to Sir John Lenthall; is in the King's Bench prison for debt, and though ashamed to beg, is compelled to use Belisarius' complaint, "Da obolum."

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65. Sir John Develier. For a pension or some other provision; has served their late and present Majesties 28 years; left his troop of horse in France to wait on the King on his restoration, and was promised a command in the Irish army and lands there, but has waited three years in vain.

66. Burgesses, &c. of Devizes, co. Wilts, to Lord Arlington, for his influence with the King to pardon their careless and wilful neglect of duty and breaches of loyalty, in the late rebellious times, and not to deprive them of their charter, but rather renew it. [*Numerously signed.*]

67. Jas. Dixon to Lord Arlington, for relief. Was detained seven weeks in prison in Bishopsgate Counter, by his lordship's order, and never knew for what; has lost greatly thereby.

68. Joshua Drayner, apothecary, to Lord Arlington, for payment of 50*l.*, expended in embalming Lord Wentworth, on assurance that his lordship would see him paid.

69. Lieut. Daniel Driscole to the Duke of York, for employment either against the Hollanders or some other way; has served as ensign 13 years in France and Flanders, but since the disbanding at Mardike, could only trail a pike under Col. Panton.

70. John Eaton. For the first vacant Almsman's place in Sutton's Hospital; has served 48 years as turnbroach in the royal kitchen, and is 72 years old.

71. John Eyton [or Eaton]. To the same effect.

72. John Eaton to Lord Arlington, for abatement of the fees due on his grant of a pensioner's place in Sutton's Hospital, which he is unable to pay.

73. Lady Dorothy Erskine, grandchild to Lady Mary Stewart, and daughter to James Earl of Bohun (Buchan). For relief; she, her husband, and three children are perishing for want of food and raiment; he lost 10,000*l.* in the civil war, and was often imprisoned; they have nothing left but her portion, which is unjustly detained from them, and they have not money to recover it.

74. Captain Charles Farrell. For support and maintenance, as promised him, for faithful service to their late and present Majesties; is frustated of his estate in Ireland, and many of his quality have received the King's bounty.

75. Gilbert Farvacques, of Antwerp, in behalf of himself and three other merchants. For dispatch in his cause in the Admiralty Court, for release of the ship Morning Star of Hamburg, and the

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fruit shipped in her from Malaga, bound for Ostend, which ship is detained at Portsmouth on account of His Majesty's displeasure with the town of Hamburg. Noted "Sir John Shaw, Sir Ellis Leighton."

76. Stephen Fauchet, of Paris, prisoner in Newgate. For reprieve till the next general sessions, when he can prove himself innocent of cutting a purse and stealing 39*s.*, for which he is condemned; relying on his innocence, and being a stranger, did not defend himself on his trial.

77. Philip, younger son of Sir Timothy Fetherstonhough, of Kirkoswald, co. Cumberland. For a horse, that he may be once more in a capacity to serve in His Majesty's Guards; his father lost 10,000*l.* in loyal service, was taken prisoner at Worcester fight, and beheaded at Westchester. In 1662, had horse and arms given, and rode in Lord Oxford's regiment which went for Jersey, where his horse died; was then disbanded, and has had no employment since.

78. Major Fitzharris. For present relief, and a settlement in some future employment; repaired to Flanders two years ago, on His Majesty's recommendation, but some of his fellow subjects pretended he acted for His Majesty, and hindered his employment in the Spanish army; was banished his country for loyalty, and left a fortune in France to serve under His Majesty's ensign in Flanders.

79. Major Fitzharris. For the pension of Col. Moore, lately dead, or some mode of paying his debts, and subsisting; details his services.

80. Sir Richard Ford. For leave to purchase on appraisement the whale oil, blubber, and fins on a prize ship, the St. Peter of Bayonne, lately taken, and now in the Humber.

81. Sir Faithful Fortescue. For another reference to the Attorney General of his petition for the office of Water Bailiff and Searcher of the rivers of the kingdom; that granted a year ago is lost by a friend with whom it was left in trust, to follow the business.

82. Lieut.-Colonel Garrard Fowke. For the office of Paymaster in His Majesty's troop of Guards, in place of Mr. Carr, who has uttered disaffected and dangerous words. Served the late King 40 years in Germany and England; lost thereby a fortune of 8,000*l.* or 9,000*l.*, and has received nothing since the Restoration.

83. Lieut.-Colonel Garrard Fowke. For the reversion of a place of poor knight of Windsor, being 70 years of age.

84. John Fowke, of the Tower of London. For letters to George Montague, master of St. Catherine's Hospital, to confer on him the reversion of the place of Steward for trial of actions at law, the

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present steward being ill past recovery. Has had gracious answers to his representations of his late sufferings, but no good effect thereby.

85. Margaret, widow of John Fraseir, lately executed at Amsterdam for endeavouring to serve His Majesty. For relief to keep herself and two children from utter ruin.

86. William Garrett. Sir John Prettyman, Bart., of Loddington, co. Leicester, sold to him part of the said manor, worth 60*l.* a year, but all Sir John's lands, worth 30,000*l.* and more, are seized for a debt due from him to the King; prays to be allowed to retain the lands he purchased, or to have some other relief.

87. George Gay. For an almsroom in Norwich Cathedral, void by death of Hen. Andrews.

88. Lucy, widow of Col. Edward Gerrard. For relief towards her losses and the education of her children. Her father, Major John Jackson, died in exile for his loyalty, and her late husband was six years prisoner in Carnarvon Castle, where he took the cold that caused his death.

89. Charles Gifford. For His Majesty's right in 500*l.* or 600*l.* which ought to be paid by —— Arthur and others of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, co. Dorset, for absenting themselves [from church].

90. Col. Anthony Gilby. For the erection of a billet office in the court at York, the same as erected by the late King in that of the Marches of Wales, for prevention of inconveniences in prosecution of suits in that court, and for a grant thereof to the petitioner, during the life of Ant. Gilby, his eldest son.

91. Col. Ant. Gilby. To the same effect.

92. Thos. Ginder, of Eltham, co. Kent, yeoman. For royal relief; is 70 years old, and unable to work; was the eldest serjeant in the foot company under Sir Wm. Brockman, and led the van in the fight at Maidstone, at the rising in Kent, where he lost his right hand; was much wounded, and imprisoned for 12 months after. With certificate by Wm. Kingsley, and three others, to the truth of the petition.

93. Sir Francis Godolphin, receiver of the revenue in cos. Cornwall and Devon, to Lord Treasurer Southampton, that 200*l.* of his receipts for the year may be added to the 300*l.* respited in March last, his debts growing importunate.

94. Sir Francis Godolphin, receiver of the revenue in cos. Cornwall and Devon, to Lord Treasurer Southampton, that 848*l* 17*s.* 9*d.*, arrears on his account for this year, may be respited, as 300*l.* was in March last, in consideration of 2,000*l.* spent by him, as governor of

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the Scilly Islands, in disbursements for the garrison, the great arrears of which the assignation was far too short to supply. With memorandum of the said sums annexed.

95. Richard Golder, of Dover, to Lord Arlington, for reimbursement of 40*l*. laid out to procure the arrears due to the soldiers of Dover Castle since the Restoration, nothing having been done therein; has not had the enjoyment of former grants, by reason of some title to the contrary, and begs employment.

96. Richard Golder, of Dover. For the place of Clerk of the Cheque of Dover Harbour, void by death of Rich. Jacob, worth 16*l*. a year. *Annexing,*

96. I. *Request by Rich. Golder for the King's share of the fines on four or five seizures of prohibited goods within the Cinque Ports, within a limited time.*

96. II. *Account by Rich. Golder of concealed lands, partly built on, at Fox Lane, Wapping, supposed to be worth* 1,000*l. a year, for which, when the title has been questioned,* 30*l. or* 40*l. has been given to persons to hold their peace.*

97. Paul Gomes. For the place of Lieutenant in one of the King's ships. Is a converted Jew, and served under the Earl of Peterborough at Tangiers two years, but being poor and unable to recruit, the late Earl of Teviot gave him his discharge for England, and he is out of employment.

98. Dorothea Scott, widow of Daniel Gotherson, heir to the younger house of Scott's Hall, Kent. For an order to Fras. Loveless, deputy governor of Long Island, to consider whether she has any claim to certain land there bought for her son, for which her husband disbursed 2,000*l*. to John Scott, but thereby dying in debt, his lands are taken, and though she brought him an estate of 500*l*. a year, she and her six children are reduced to work for their bread.

99. John Green to the Council, for an order to the Commissioners of Hampshire to grant him a pension, according to the late Act of Parliament. Served throughout the late war, suffering wounds, imprisonment, and banishment.

100. Wm. Gregory to the Navy Comrs., for reimbursement of 10*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*., money spent in wood, candles, &c., in the Dolphin fireship, for 45 men, 10 weeks; the victualler will only allow 6*d*. per man per month. [*Adm. Paper.*]

101. James Guilford. For a grant of 60*l*., the excise entered at Rochester, 27th May 1659, on certain French wines, which proved so bad, that they would not sell for as much as the carriage and incidental charges came to. Edw. Swan, collector of excise in Rochester, has charged his account with the said 60*l*., that he may recover it from the petitioner.

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102. Sir Edward Hales, Bart., of Kent. For a letter for admission of his son, Chas. Hales, who has hopefully followed his studies in Oxford University, to a Fellowship in All Soul's College.

103. Wealthy, lawful wife of Hen. Hally, son of the now Lord Hally, and one of the Duke of York's guards. For leave to go to law with her husband, and have recompense for her estate and fortune, referring the cause to Sir Rob. Wiseman, King's advocate. Was married to him in 1661, but he took another wife, a kinswoman of Sir Hen. Sydenham, with whom he now lives; he has deprived her of her property, turned her out of doors, tried to transport her, and is now seeking a pardon for all this. With note that the King remits the party to the law.

104. James Halsall, cupbearer. For such sums of money as he shall discover to have been discounted during the rebellion by one of the treasurers who, on making up his accounts, has given in several counterfeit warrants and discharges which the Exchequer officers have ignorantly passed; also for the assistance of the King's counsel at law in the prosecution.

105. Sir Robt. Hamilton. For liberty to import from Norway, yearly for five years, 80,000 deals custom free, which would yield about 200*l.* a year—the King of Denmark granting him the same freedom from custom,—instead of a pension which His Majesty promised him at request of Prince Christian of Denmark, as many eminent pensions have been struck off from the Exchequer. Received seven wounds at the battle of Worcester, was some years imprisoned since, ran in debt by following His Majesty in exile, and has received nothing but the dignity of knighthood, the support of which plunges him so much more into want.

106. Henry Harington. To be sworn Gentleman of the privy chamber; has obtained nothing since His Majesty's return, though he followed and served him faithfully.

107. Henry Harington. For the Keepership of York Castle. Followed His Majesty in all hazards and countries, through many imprisonments and wants, but has had only unfortunate disappointments after gracious promises.

108. Robt. Harleston. For a stop to be made of a pardon to Wm. Bohenham, for an assault made on the petitioner at Westminster Hall, till he has made satisfaction to him as the person aggrieved. *Annexing,*

108. I. *Form of the warrant for stop of pardon, as requested.*

109. James Harope, B.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge. For a letter to the said college to grant him Mr. Kennian's Fellowship, if void, or else to pre-elect him to some other. Had three

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houses pulled down for his loyalty, and was obliged to live in obscure places, remote from his family, seven years. *Annexing,*

109. I. *Certificate by Chris. Fulthorpe, and five others, that Jas. Harope, B.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, is pious, studious, and deserving of Mr. Kennian's fellowship now void or any other.*

110. John Hart, John Roy, and Nath. Beadle. For power to seize all goods imported or exported contrary to law. There have been of late bold and frequent exportations of sheep, wool, yarn, fulling and tobacco-pipe clay, &c., for want of persons appointed specially to execute the laws thereon.

111. John Harwar and others to the King and Council. Possess large quantities of brass and copper tokens, pence, halfpence, and farthings, which the owners now refuse to receive back, saying they are exempted therefrom by His Majesty's pardon of such offenders. Request some means of redress to prevent their utter ruin.

112. Wm. Harwood. For the place of Ensign to Capt. Barker. Served the late King faithfully during the wars, went abroad with Lord Wentworth, and on the Restoration, was four or five years quartermaster to his regiment of the Guards, till on his death it was joined with that of Col. Russell.

113. Willm. Hebart, native of France. For denization, that he may receive the place in Sutton's Hospital to which he is recommended by the Bishop of London. Served King James as groom of the privy chamber, but is now disabled by age.

114. Arthur Helme. For a letter to the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury to give him the place of Clerk of the works of the cathedral. Was imprisoned, arraigned for his life, and lost much money by his loyalty; was so forward in Mr. Penruddock and Sir George Booth's affairs, that he was not allowed to go out without a guard of soldiers; keeps horses and arms for His Majesty's service.

115. Thos. Henthorne, labourer, of Gisley, co. York. For protection from Jonas Smith of his parish, a soldier under the late Protector, who much vexes him, as having served the late King under Col. Bradshaw.

116. Dr. Sam. Hinde, King's chaplain and incumbent at Dover. For a mandate for admission of his son Edward to the Charter House, having failed to obtain the promotion for himself promised when His Majesty was at Deal.

117. Thos. Holder. For the whole or part of the sugars detained from His Majesty by Nich. Van Loone, and three other Hollanders,

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which became forfeit about 1651, to be recovered at his own charge, in reward of faithful service, and for a debt contracted for His Majesty's service in Spain.

118. Eliz., wife of Thos. Hopkins. For the next vacant almsroom in Clerks' Hall, near Bishopsgate. Has long lived in St. Ethelburg's parish near, and helped the King's friends to the utmost of her ability. Marked, "q. e. certificat et fiat."

119. Henry Horner, Queen Street, London, to Lord Arlington, for continuance of the weekly payment of 5*s.* made him by Wm. Wandsford, out of the rents of Marylebone Park, in part of the balance of an account for arms provided by him, as master gunsmith to the late King, bought by Sir George Strode and John Wandsford, Artillery Commissioners; he is deprived, because the rents of the park are otherwise disposed of, and no allowance made to Wandsford for such sums.

120. Sir Cecil Howard. For some command in the Horse or Foot Guards. Left a command to attend His Majesty from Scotland to England, but since the Restoration, has supported himself on his wife's small fortune, which is almost consumed.

121. Sir Cecil Howard. For the first company void. Has had gracious promises, but nothing yet except a commission which he purchased for a troop in the Guards, which bringing him only 200*l.* a year, he has had to depend on his wife's small fortune, and this is now totally consumed, and he has run into debt.

122. George Howard. For reference of his case to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Has received no benefit from a pension granted him for service to the Duke of York, and is thrown into prison, where he must spend his days unless relieved.

123. Dame Mary, widow of Sir Francis Howard. For repayment of 450*l.* advanced by her husband to the Duke of Newcastle, Commander-in-Chief for the late King in the North; he was sequestered, and his son slain in the said service.

124. Thos. Howard. For a grant of certain lands assigned by Edw. VI. to 20 governors for maintenance of a free grammar school in Birmingham, but forfeit because the governors have, contrary to the grant, alienated lands, sold woods, let long leases, &c. Will allow 100*l.* a year for the school, whereas they never allowed above 60*l.*

125. Willm. Howard. For confirmation of a warrant granted him some time since, for fines and forfeitures of those convicted in the Exchequer by statute of 5 Eliz.

126. John Howe, under-bailiff of Sheepshead, co. Leicester, to the Duke of Buckingham, for payment of the arrears of his salary of

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5*l.* a year, as allowed him by Cicely, Countess Dowager of Rutland, and promised ever since his grace entered on the estate in 1660, but nothing paid; is compelled to enter bond for a smaller sum due by himself to the Duke for arrears of rent.

127. Katherine, widow of Captn. Augustine Huffman. For leave to take and give a privy purse receipt for 30*l.* received by a minister in a small vicarage from the first fruits office, during the usurpation, by way of augmentation, but which he is conscientiously willing to restore; has received no relief on her former petitions, as a sorrowful widow and stranger.

128. Thos. Hughes of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to Lord Arlington, for a mandamus that no other than he be chosen to a fellowship in the said hall; there is an obstruction to a former letter in his favour, because being debarred of his election, he held a small benefice for 2 years for a livelihood, which he has now resigned. *Annexing,*

128. I. *Request of Thos. Hewes [or Hughes], the son of loyal parents, seven years a scholar in Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and having a right by statute to a fellowship, for a letter mandatory in his behalf, having been several years put back, by mandates in favour of others.*

129. Rich. Irwing, gentleman sewer. For grant out of the 10,000*l.* warrant of part of 1,700*l.* due to his late father, Sir Wm. Irwing, as arrears of his annuity of 300*l*, for which he parted with his estate in Ireland, that had else come to the petitioner, his only son.

130. Bertrand Jalobert, merchant, and others interested in the ship St. Bertrand of St. Malo. For restoration of the said ship, seized near Boulogne by an English man-of war, on pretence of her belonging to the Dutch.

131. Simon Johnson, soldier. For grant of his life, in any part of the world. Has served their late and present Majesties in the wars, and is now in Major Washington's company of the Guards, but never had any quarrels, till the afternoon when, on provocation, he fought with Vincent Dean and killed him, for which he is condemned to die. With certificate by Major Hen. Washington that the petitioner has served ever since the regiment was raised, and never had a quarrel before.

132. Capt. Willm. Jolley to Lord Arlington, for a pass for himself and family to Scotland; is unable to wait any longer at Court, for compensation for his services and sufferings for their late and present Majesties.

133. Dr. Walter Jones, sub-dean of the Chapel Royal. For a prebend at Windsor, promised him by the late King who, when at Oxford, commanded him to read prayers whenever His Majesty came to the

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cathedral, which he did for three years together, and to read prayers at eight o'clock every morning, his present Majesty being there with the Duke of York; has only the same allowance as the lowest gentleman of the chapel, though compelled to much closer attendance, and though the sub-dean formerly had 100*l.* a year. Requests, if he obtain the prebend, that Mr. Slater, of pious life, good voice, and excellent musical ability, may succeed in his place as sub-dean.

134. Martha, widow of Gaspar Kalthof, and Peter Jacobson her son-in-law. For continuance to the latter of the possession of a building in Vauxhall, erected by Gaspar Kalthof, an old servant of the late King, for his art as engineer, and restored to him on the Restoration, on which building Jacobson has spent 700*l.*, to fit it for sugar baking; has no other provision for her orphan daughters than this house, in hope of which Jacobson married one of them, but Kalthof's son, though designed to succeed him, is held up by the Emperor of Russia.

135. Peircy Kirke. That an annuity of 365*l.* purchased before the rebellion for 2,000*l.*, from Sir Chas. Howard, by his father, who had not the least benefit therefrom, may be renewed, at his father's wish, for himself for life.

136. J. L. to the Right Honourable Sir ———, for a grant on the usual terms of certain Crown lands, discovered by himself and others; they are told that the arrears of rents must be recovered before the leases can be granted, but if this is done and the land thus found to be the King's, they will have to pay a valuable consideration for it.

137. Lieut.-Col. Amand La Louhé. For leave to import 20 tuns of French wine yearly. Served in the late wars as lieut.-colonel to the Marquis of Huntley's regiment, and as governor of Strathbogy Castle, in Scotland; was taken on his return from Nova Scotia, where he was governor of Fort Latour, till it was surrendered to the French King; applies to His Majesty, encouraged by the gracious promise formerly made to him at Bourdeaux.

138. Willm. Lambert. For part of his house at Foxhall (Vauxhall), to make a founding house for His Majesty's service; was founder for guns and water work, or brass work, to the late King, at Foxhall, and His Majesty, when at Brussels, granted him the place, in dependence whereon he left the King of Spain's service and came over, but the house was disposed of to Mr. Calthof (Kalthof) now deceased. *Annexing,*

138. I. *Order by Charles I. for Wm. Lambert, founder for the works at Foxhall, to abide there and proceed in the works, without molestation.* [*Copy.*]
*Oatlands, Aug.* 20, 1647.

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139. Lord Langdale. For a lease of the Excise of Yorkshire, at the rent paid by the present farmers. Lost much by his loyalty, and has met with no advantage since the Restoration.

140. Abraham Langford. Was sailing with two ships of value to Jamaica, on His Majesty's affairs, when coming to Plymouth to embark, was imprisoned for a pretended debt, on purpose to hinder His Majesty's design: requests reference to the Deputy Governor and Mayor of Plymouth, and two others, and release to proceed on his voyage, if the plaintiff do not make good his case in four days. *Annexing,*

140. I. *Sir William Clarke to* [*Williamson?*]. *Requests that the reference may be in form prefixed, to Sir John Skelton, deputy governor, the Mayor of Plymouth, and two others.* *Cockpit, June* 6, 1665.

141. Ann, wife of Rowland Laugharne, to Lord Arlington, to obtain for her husband the request in his petition, that he may return to his own country, and not stay to his utter ruin. He lost 37,000*l.*, of which 12,600*l.* was cash left at Derby House; though absent from his own country since 1648, he is so well beloved that he has been chosen member of Parliament, and can do good service.

142. Rowland Laugharne. For continuance of his pension, and command in the troops about to be raised. Has 3,050*l.* due to him on grants.

143. John Leroy, jeweller. For payment of 357*l.*, balance of 850*l.* due for a ring delivered to the Countess of Castlemaine, which she said was for His Majesty, and for 7*l.* of work, ordered by Lord Fitzharding.

144. Eliz. Leonard, widow. For a privy purse pension of 100*l.* a year, for herself and child, or new years' gifts in reward for the services of her father, Sir Rich. Grenville, and for her remission of the Earl of Suffolk's goods to His Majesty without satisfaction.

145. Eliz. Leonard, widow. For satisfaction for the sums disbursed by her father, Sir Rich. Grenville, for relief of the Isle of Guernsey in 1650. *Annexing,*

145. I. *Account of disbursements of Sir Rich. Grenville, for the use of His Majesty in* 1650; *total,* 1,243*l.* 13*s.*

146. Sir John Lenthall, knight marshal of the King's Bench, and gentleman of the privy chamber. That the King would peruse the report of the Attorney General on his petition against Wm. Howard, who sues him for 900*l.*, for not returning some prisoners on habeas corpus into the Exchequer, the last day of the last term, which was impossible, from the shortness of time and multitude of causes.

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147. George Littlecot, of Downton, co. Wilts, to the King or Queen. For relief. Was a soldier in Sancta Maria in 1645, and for three years, and lost his limbs in service of the late King.

148. John Lloyd. For the Receivership of hearth moneys in Suffolk and Norfolk. Served their late and present Majesties at home and beyond seas 20 years.

149. Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London. The fomentors of the late troubles, knowing the government of the city to be adapted to monarchy, tried to captivate the people by destroying the government of the mayor and aldermen, and therefore to divorce the civil from the military authority. Sir Rich. Gurney, the then lord mayor, was ousted and sent to the Tower by the House of Lords, for applying to Parliament against this, and many aldermen were imprisoned, &c. The militia was then given to a company of mean and factious persons, who prostituted the treasure and portions of the orphans to their own designs, and raised a loan of 100,000*l.* on the city seal; these sums are accounted the city debt, and on some of them they are now sued, though the city had not a penny of the same. Request favour in their application to Parliament to be released from such bonds as are yet undischarged.

150. John Lowen, D.C.L. For the officiality of the archdeaconry of Winchester. Is advocate in the Court of Arches, was King's scholar at Westminster, a ward of his late Majesty, student of Christ Church, Oxford, till ejected by order of the rebels in 1650, for refusing to subscribe, and giving a public defiance to the national engagement, tendered in the Audit house, Christ Church, by the pretended commissioners. Was bred under Brian Duppa, late Bishop of Winchester. *Annexing,*

150. I. *Minute of a letter to the Lord Chancellor, to restore Dr. Lowen to the commission of peace for Essex, from which he was omitted on misinformation.*

150. II. *Minute of a letter to the Bishop of Winchester, to give free liberty to Dr. George, Archdeacon of Winchester, to constitute Dr. Lowen his official.*

151. Sarah, widow of Lancelot Lowther, B.D., chaplain to the late Earl of Cumberland. For a letter for a Scholar's place in Sutton's hospital for her son Gerard, or for some other relief. Her husband was sequestered from the livings of Kirkby-Thure, Westmoreland, and Workington, Cumberland, in 1646, for his loyalty, and died in 1661, without restoration or preferment. Has taken four journeys to London, of 200 miles each, in hope of relief. *Annexing,*

151. I. *Certificate by Sir Phil. Musgrave of the facts of the above petition.* [*Copy.*] *May* 20, 1661.

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151. II. *Like certificate by Gilbert, Bishop of London, and two others, stating that Lancelot Lowther was of good family, but reduced by calamity so as to leave very great want to his wife, who brought him* 1,500*l.* [*Copy.*]
*June* 18, 1661.

152. Lady Lucas, relict of Sir Thos. Lucas. For the arrears of excise and customs due on certain merchants in Dublin, not exceeding 1,500*l.*; her husband contracted a debt of 3,000*l.* for His Majesty, but the grants to her of wardships and licensing of ale and beer have proved of no avail, the court being put down, and the licences disposed of. Endorsed "The humble petition of Dame Anne Sutton."

153. John Lund. For relief; his father, Thos. Lund, raised troops for the late King, and at Edgehill, his father was slain and he made prisoner. They had been turned out of their house at Lincoln, and their property there, worth 1,100*l.*, burned down by order of the governor. Has no support but charity.

154. John Lurton, clothier of Worcester. For relief; suffered great losses in pressing teams and horses for the late King, some of which were not returned, and he had to make them good; had a gift of 20*l.* from the privy purse, and a promise of anything he might find to his advantage; asked for the 12*l.* or 13*l.* a year, payable from the tithe of Poyke, in Worcester, but it was refused, as Worcester had been a great sufferer; his creditors threaten to arrest him.

155. John Lurton, clothier of Worcester, to Lord Arlington, for a licence to keep a victualling house in Worcester, free from excise on any beer and ale that he may sell there.

156. Capt. Angus Mackany. For supply in time of need; served His Majesty in the wars till Worcester fight, but his wounds have brought on a palsy and he cannot work.

157. John Mahuet, surgeon. For restoration to his place as surgeon to the Earl of Oxford's regiment of the Horse Guards, which he entered on by commission, but is put out by the Earl, by procurement of another commission, though spending his own moneys to supply the men with medicines.

158. Willm. Mar. For the place of Gager to the Excise in London, in case the late vacancy in that of second clerk of the kitchen, granted him by the late King, is filled up.

159. Willm. Mar. For such consideration as is thought fit, for disbursements and attendance for designing and drawing the sundial in Whitehall privy garden.

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160. Rebecca Marshall. For protection against Mark Trevor of the Temple, who has affronted her both on and off the stage, attacked her in a coach with his sword, &c., and threatens vengeance for her complaining of him to the Lord Chamberlain.

161. Burridge Martin. For a letter to the Recorder of Norwich to order the master of Thos. Martin, his son,—who enlisted as a soldier, but being ill got a discharge, and wishes to return to his trade,—to receive him back: wishing to keep the money he had with him, he refuses so to do. Endorsed with notes, that the captain's name is Sir Rob. Carey; the master's, Ant. Mingay, grocer of Norwich, and the recorder, Fras. Cory.

162. Thos. Mashar, of Warrington. For a lease of Seawood Park, near Musland, Lancashire, as a reward for his loyalty.

163. Edmund Mason to the Governors of the Charter House, for the Manciple's place there. Marked, "Mr. Snell."

164. James Mede. For a mandate that he may be created Doctor. Was at Oxford four years after matriculation; then served the late Archbishop Laud until the wars, and as he would not return to the University, was placed by his Grace at Dulwich College, where he stayed three years. Has promise of a vicarage, for which he requires a dispensation, and cannot be qualified for it without a degree.

165. Capt. John Middleton. For a pension from the Queen's portion still due from Portugal. Was faithful during the rebellion, and served as captain of foot in the forces lately sent to Portugal, till they were commanded home.

166. John Moore. For letters to the Aldermen and chief Burgesses of Bury St. Edmund's, to quicken them as to their promise of electing him Town Clerk, after John White, who is too aged and infirm to execute the office, and for leave meanwhile to act as White's deputy.

167. Cecilia Moryson. For reference to the Lord Chancellor of her dispute with her two sisters, who, in the absence of her husband as Governor of Virginia, have shared the personal estate of their late brother, Giles Rawlins, leaving her a very unequal portion. Is no ways able to bear a tedious suit at law.

168. Anne, widow of Henry Murray, groom of the bedchamber to his late Majesty. Is a daughter of Viscount Bayning, and married her husband on the late King's promise to provide for them, and on his settlement of 1,000*l.* a year for life on them in lieu of jointure. This 1,000*l.* ceased to be paid during the troubles, but was promised again after the Restoration, yet nothing has been paid. Begs payment of it, as being not a pension but a marriage consideration.

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169. Jeremiah Nelson, rector of Ellesdon, co. Northnmberland. For a dispensation to enjoy the said rectory, on his taking care to supply the cure; is old and ill, and lost 2,000*l.* in the late rebellion. Marked "Dr. Basire."

170. Jeremiah Nelson, rector of Ellesdon, co. Northumberland. For a dispensation for non-residence, his age and distempers reqniring help, and he living 24 miles distant from any physician.

171. Rich. Netheway. For a Land Waiter's place in Bristol, or the reversion of some leases in Somersetshire. Had a large dwelling house, worth 1,000*l.*, at the Pittygate in Bristol, in 1645, which was burned on promise of payment for it, lest it should prove advantageous to the enemy; supplied the garrison with beer, &c., for which 120*l.* is owing to him; is in deht, and in danger of ending his life in prison.

172. Thos. Nevile, draper of London. For orders to Thos. Townsend, deputy of the great wardrobe, to pay him 1,630*l.*, due for cloth for the funeral of the late Princess of Orange, from the 20,000*l.* assigned to the wardrobe, that he may be saved from ruin, and able to perform his public employments; though much money has been paid into the wardrobe, and many tradesmen paid, he has yet received nothing.

173. Ursula, wife of Ant. Newell, to the Navy Comrs., for a ticket to be made out of the Chesnut ketch's muster book, for part of her husband's wages, she being in a sickly condition and no longer able to support herself. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

173. I. *Anthony Newell to his wife. Would have come home before had it been possible; not one ship has come to the place since leaving England. Certifies the death of Wm. Atkinson on Dec.* 16, 1663.
*Swallow Hole, East Indies, Jan.* 24, 1664.

174. Nicholas Nicholls. For the place of letter-founder to His Majesty. Has attained to great skill in cutting and casting all kinds of letters and characters, and has suffered much for loyalty. *Annexing,*

174. I. *Specimen sheet of minute printing in several languages, addressed to the King by Nich. Nicholls, letter-founder.*

175. Ten loyal and indigent Officers. That John Cooper, collector of the office moneys, may be called to account, as they have not yet received the charity bestowed on them by His Majesty three years ago. [*Original signatures.*]

176. Edmund O'Grady, nephew to Col. Hen. O'Grady. For a pension and future subsistence. His uncle was killed at the defeat of Dublin, and his father and other relatives lost life and fortune in the late King's service. Marked "Lady Scroop."

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177. John Oneby. For the office of Steward to the Star Chamber, fallen much to decay since the death of Rich. Willis, late steward.

178. Thos. Osborne to Lord Arlington, for payment of 6*l.* 10*s.*, for the coffin of Thos. late Lord Wentworth, which he was employed to make, 4th March 1665, with a box for his bowels. His Majesty has taken the charge of the said lord's debts, and referred the same to his lordship. Is in danger of arrest for want of the money. *Annexing,*

178. I. *Bill for the coffin as aforesaid, marked "Mr. Gorsuch."*

179. Nic. Oudart, Latin secretary. For a grant of 600*l.* a year for eight years, out of the wine licence office. Had no success in his petition to be appointed a commissioner in the wine licence office; is 3,000*l.* out of pocket in that concern, and 7,000*l.* is due for licences, while he stood and paid his proportion; the money was ordered to be paid into the office, and he received no benefit.

180. Thos. Palmer. For remission from the pillory and fine of 40 marks, to which he was sentenced at the Old Bailey for selling two books, the Nehushtan, and Directions to a Painter. The sentence is just, though he intended no dishonour to His Majesty or the government; Marked "Not to be granted. Mr. L'Estrange."

181. Lord Edward Paulet. For the nomination of a Baronet, as granted him by the late King, but frustrated. Has fallen into great necessity by the war. [*Signed.*]

182. James Pearse. For a grant of 400*l.* or 500*l.* of the estate of Edw. Brownloe, of Thirbore, co. York, forfeit because he became felo de se, and perhaps granted to the Lord Almoner in his patent, but which neither the King nor almoner could havo discovered without the petitioner.

183. Edw. Penruddock. For the place of Lieutenant or Ensign in Capt. Atkins' company, in Col. Russell's regiment, Warner, the lieutenant, being lately dead.

184. Edw. Penruddock. For payment of 200*l.* borrowed by the late King from his late father and brother, and by them bestowed on him, having nothing left to preserve him from perishing.

185. Frances, widow of Edw. Penruddock. That the King or the Duke of York would bestow on her 400*l.*, for want of which her husband's creditors seize her house and goods.

186. Henry Peters, yeoman of the field. That his place, which he is now too old to fill, may be conferred on his stepson, Mallet Payler, who promises to give him the full profits during life, for the benefit of the reversion.

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187. [Eliz.], widow of Col. John Poyer, to Lord Arlington, for a warrant for a caveat that none interfere with her grant, made 13th August last, of 3,000*l.*, payable by Sir John Prettyman, formerly receiver-general of first fruits and tenths.

188. Capt. John Prideaux, of Cornwall. For stay of all proceedings against him for 336*l.*, arrears of the 18 months' assessment of the hundred of Powder, Cornwall, of which he was appointed collector, as an advantageous employment; is a truly loyal and indigent officer, but being no accountant, is irrecoverably fallen into arrears. Endorsed "Sir H. Price's paper."

189. Philip Probyn. For a grant of the small estate of Rob. Southwell, convicted of felony in Kent. Was always faithful to the late King, and has since been clerk to the Attorney General.

190. Henry Progers. For a patent for the regulation of the Sedan-men in and about London, as unknown persons pretend to that profession, and taking persons to bye places, rob them, or spread disease by carrying infected persons; would keep several sedans for that purpose only, and would contribute weekly for relief of old and diseased sedan-men.

191. Henry Progers, equerry. For an arrear of 120*l.*, due from the Sub-commissioners of Excise in Wales, being a desperate debt, and for power to recover the same in His Majesty's name, at his own charges.

192. Major Francis Ranger. For the place of Poor Knight of Windsor, void by death of Capt. John Gill; his former warrant failed because the places were all full.

193. Theodore Randu, page of the backstairs. For the estate of Wm. Edwards, imprisoned in Oxford gaol for felony, in case he be condemned.

194. Theodore Randu, page of the backstairs. For continuance of a pension of 60*l.* allowed to his late father.

195. Rich. Reynolds. For a letter to the Justices of Shropshire for the next reversion of the place of Keeper or Master of the house of correction there. Was in vain tortured, and tried for life in that house, and then sent up to the Tower, examined before Oliver, and confronted with others to induce him to discover those concerned in the intended rising with his late master, Sir Thos. Harris, Bart., in favour of the Restoration.

196. Capt. James Richardson. For the First Lieutenant's place in Berwick garrison; served His Majesty when in Scotland, by

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carrying divers commissions into several counties, under the notion of "Tom the bedlam," was taken prisoner at Lancaster, and lost 1,500*l.* by sequestrations.

197. Lewis Roach and Mary his wife. For denization, being French, and employed as tailors to the Queen, and desirous to spend their time in England.

198. Charles Roberts. Can discover a real estate of 1,000*l.* a year, and a personal estate of 700*l.*, concealed from the Crown; begs half of the latter for his discovery.

199. Henry Robinson. For admission to service; his father lost much, and was put out of the post office for his loyalty. *Annexing,*

199. I. *The case and title of Henry Robinson, of London, to the management of both post offices, as derived from Charles Lord Stanhope and Endymion and George Porter, and represented to the Convocation sitting on the Restoration; the post office was settled upon the King, without consideration of his services for improvement of the offices from* 3,000*l.* *to* 30,000*l.* *a year; giving a detail of proceedings in reference to the office of postmaster general, since* 1577. [*Printed, 4 pages.*]

200. Capt. James Roch, adjutant of the Guards. For licence to set up an academy to teach the exercise of shooting and other arms, that English subjects may be instructed therein, as well as those of other nations.

201. Robt. Rogers. For a stop to the presentation of another to the rectory of Denton, being able to prove that he was in possession of it before Dec. 1659.

202. John Rogers, prisoner in Newgate. For admission to sue out his pardon in *formâ pauperis;* was condemned to die for manslaughter, because not being able to read, he could not have the benefit of his clergy; notwithstanding a free pardon, is likely to remain imprisoned through penury, all his estate being seized.

203. Thomas Rubins and other subjects of the Catholic King living in Nieuport, Ostend, &c. Have long had leave to trade for oysters in Kent, without disturbance in the old Dutch war, but have had their vessels lately seized and detained at Sheerness. Request speedy deliverance.

204. John Rudston. For an order to Col. Ant Gilby, to grant him dead pay in the garrison at Hull, as ordered by the Duke of Albemarle; was miraculously preserved when the London frigate was blown up.

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205. Paul Rycaut, secretary of the Ambassador for Constantinople. For a grant to his mother of the fee-farm rent of Ashdown Forest, co. Sussex, part of the duchy of Lancaster, her dower lands being sold to disengage her husband from the debts and losses incurred by his loyalty.

206. Edward Rymill. Was always loyal, procured 1,000*l.* for the Earl of Bath, and stood bound for him in his deepest sufferings, yet the Earl suffered him to pay 222*l.* for him, for which his goods were seized and he imprisoned two years; begs that the Earl may repay the 222*l.* with interest, and satisfy him for his losses and imprisonment. Marked "the 21st petition."

207. Capt. Edw. Sarsfield. For money to get him clothes to cover his nakedness; served in the Duke of Gloucester's regiment in Flanders, in which his brother was slain, but has had no employment since the surrender of Dunkirk.

208. Sir Anthony Sentlinger. For relief; lost 2,500*l.* a year in lands, and 5,000*l.* in goods, by raising troops in Kent for the late King; had three brothers slain in the service, and was wounded and disabled from providing bread for his family. Arrears are still due to his father and grandfather, for service to the two late Kings.

209. Fras. Sheldon. Was sent for from Sweden, after building a ship for General Wrangel, but on his arrival, was thrown into prison on a pretended debt; presents His Majesty with a letter from the King of Sweden, and entreats either present employment or a pass to go abroad again.

210. Claudius Sourcean, His Majesty's tailor. For an order to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench to discharge him from two outlawries issued against him, for using his trade as a tailor in His Majesty's service, being an alien, and for keeping open a cellar door in Bow St., where he has no cellar. Served him many years both beyond seas and in England, and pays his dues as a resident in the Piazza, Covent Garden.

211. Margaret, wife of William Stafford. That her husband, who is wanting to go abroad, may not have licence so to do, till he has provided for her as his wife.

212. Capt. Willm. Stapleton and Capt. Willm. Skelton. For relief from the privy purse, like their fellow officers in Flanders; have run into debt 3 or 4 years, in hopes to avoid troubling His Majesty.

213. Sir Nicholas Stewart, Bart. For the reversion of his office of Chamberlain of the Exchequer for Chas. Stewart, his only surviving son, the two elder ones, Nicholas and Miles, to whom it was granted in October 1660, having died.

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214. Major Robt. Strachan and Jane Stewart, widow of Capt. George Stewart, son of Capt. Wm. Stewart, gentleman of the privy chamber to his late Majesty. For a grant of such concealed moneys not accounted for as they may find in Sussex and Surrey, with power to recover the same. He served faithfully during the late wars, and she has due 20 years' arrears of a pension of 200*l.* a year, granted by the late King to her late husband and his father.

215. Margaret, widow of Thos. Stratton, to the King and Council for maintenance by pension, or assistance to enable her to return home. Her husband worked in the Royal mines at Cardigan, but was sent by the late King to work in Ireland, where he and two of his sons were slain in the rebellion, and she left in great distress.

216. Capt. James Sumervell, Major Rob. Strachan, Capt. George Stewart, and Capt. George Windrum. For supply, amongst other suffering subjects in Scotland, from the fines of several countrymen who served against the Royal family. Were wounded, imprisoned, and banished for their loyalty.

217. John Sutcliffe. Having a grant of Chelsea College, sold it to —— Colebancke for 400*l.*, but the grant being stayed, as His Majesty intends the Royal Society to have it, is greatly distressed, Colebancke threatening to arrest him for breach of bargain. Begs 400*l.* or a pension, the Society having in charity promised to give him 100*l.*

218. Sir Salomon Swale. For the fine of Rich. Rodes, attorney of Knaresborough, convicted of wilful perjury.

219. Sir Salomon Swale. For employment. Served the late King two years in the wars; at invitation of the Royal party abroad, sat in the Parliament of April 1660; had a fast proposed for the Monday after their meeting, to seek the Lord, the declaration from Breda not having arrived; seconded the motion for restoration of King, Lords, and Commons, and proposed that for proclaiming His Majesty; often begged His Majesty not to continue that Parliament, as being illegally summoned, and promised to have two good knights of the shire and seven burgesses returned for Yorkshire, and effected it; has given up his law business to serve His Majesty in Parliament, and is in danger of poverty, his estates being ill managed by his servants. [*Signed.*]

220. Sir Salomon Swale. For support for an ancient family. Is impoverished by waiving his practice of common law to serve His Majesty in Parliament.

221. Henry Sydenham. For nomination of a person of quality to be created a baron, in consideration of his loss of the rangership of Clarendon Park. His estate was plundered, he imprisoned, &c., for loyalty. Will pay 7,000*l.* into the Exchequer for it.

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222. Sir Gilbert Talbot, master of the jewels and plate. For a grant of 4,000 acres of waste land called Rydland Marsh, cos. Denbigh and Flint, between high and low water mark, on recovery thereof at his own expense, from neighbouring lords of manors who pretend a right to it. Has 7,500*l.* due for service to the late King as resident at Venice, with 24 years' interest.

223. Sherrington Talbot. For a warrant to create an Irish Viscount. In spite of his great sufferings and petitions, has received no advantage from His Majesty's former favourable grants.

224. Thos. Thory. For stay of prosecution against him, and pardon of a debt of 1,600*l.* which he owes to His Majesty, as collector of customs for Boston. Served the late King personally in the wars, at his own charge, and thereby lost his estate and contracted great debts. His creditors, seeing he had nothing, forbore to prosecute but when he had the customs' money, for payment of which he entered bonds for 1,500*l.*, they arrested him, and he was compelled to pay the money to save himself from prison. Is now sued on the bonds, and his whole estate, which is only 88*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* a year, is extended for the debt.

225. Jaspar Tuite. For a warrant for a baronet. Has suffered much by following His Majesty's fortunes at home and abroad.

226. Col. Charles Trevanion. His father was slain at the head of his regiment, in the storming of Bristol; his grandfather injured his estate by constant adherence to the late King, they together advancing for His Majesty 4,280*l.* Prays in recompense to be spared the fines of 1,094*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, due for certain lands of the duchy of Cornwall, for which he has contracted. *Annexing,*

226. I. *Account of* 4,280*l. expended by Sir Charles Trevanion for the late King.*

226. II. *Account of the lands of the duchy of Cornwall for which the petitioner has contracted, and of the fines, amounting to* 1,094*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*

227. Hans Traurnicht, colonel in service of Cnes Alexander Michaelowitz, Emperor of the Russias. For payment of moneys due to him for transporting troops from Breda to Scotland. Has leave of absence only for five months, and ten weeks are already elapsed.

228. Col. Hans Traurnicht. For speedy hearing of his former supplication for recompense of his services to His Majesty, the time limited for his return to his charge, as colonel of a regiment of horse under the Emperor of Russia, being nearly elapsed.

229. James Tunsted, the King's servant, to the Council, for redress for contempt offered to His Majesty's warrant, appointing him to preserve the game in Derbyshire, and to take up setting

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dogs, nets, guns, &c., destructive thereof. On 7th February, took a gun from Rich. Green, of Ashford, reading him the warrant, but Green said he cared neither for him nor his warrant, and assembling 20 men, took away the gun, and the petitioner narrowly escaped being murdered.

230. Robt. Turner. That the Committee of Parliament, before whom the Commissioners at the Savoy have proved 142,000*l.* of discoveries made by him of concernment to His Majesty, may report on his just title therein, that he and his friends may have satisfaction according to the royal grant, and not be ruined by their discoveries for His Majesty's advantage, but encouraged to prosecute them.

231. Capt. Riches Utber. For freedom of the ship Hope of Lubec, now in the Thames, which he has bought to employ himself therein till His Majesty requires him.

232. Angenieta Vandriel, late wife of Cornelius Hartesfelt, of Rotterdam. For repayment of 8,000 francs lent by her late husband to His Majesty in 1649. *Annexing,*

232. I. *Receipt and promise of repayment of the above sum by the King.* [*Copy.*] *The Hague, June* 9, 1649.

233. Christian Van Vianen, His Majesty's silversmith. For payment of 108*l.* 15*s.*, balance remaining due of 594*l.* 14*s.*, for two great silver and gilt candlesticks, and two book covers of silver, provided for St. George's Chapel, Windsor, by order of the late King, having been a loser of 150*l.* by the order. *Annexing,*

233. I. *Warrant by Charles I. to Sir Jas. Palmer, treasurer of the order of the garter, to pay to Christian Vianen* 197*l.* 10*s. balance still due of* 594*l.* 14*s., for* 972 *oz. of plate by him made for St. George's Chapel, Windsor.* [*Copy.*] *Westminster, April* 23, 1640.

233. II. *Account of sums due to and receipts by Christian Vianen, for the above plate.*

234. Jane Waite. For release for her husband, who surrendered on proclamation on the Restoration, and has been a prisoner ever since; has supported him and her five children hitherto, but being old and feeble, is unable to do so longer.

235. Company of Watermen to the King and Council, for a special order to expel Rich. Gwynn and Art. Crispin from the Company, that His Majesty may not want seamen for the navy, nor the subjects be abused. These men were expelled by the Navy Comrs. and sent to sea in the Bull, till they rendered account of breach of trust to His Majesty's subjects, but have escaped sentence, and resumed their former employment.

236. Masters and Governors of the Company of Watermen. For an order to the Duke of Albemarle and the Commissioners, to issue

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no warrants for impress of watermen for the service except to themselves. Will speedily and effectually execute the same, but complaints are made of warrants to particular persons, who cannot provide men as suitably as they can.

237. Sir John Watts, of Hertfordshire. For relief, detailing his services, imprisonments and losses in behalf of their late and present Majesties. Was imprisoned in Montgomery Castle at Colchester, and for a long time for appearing at Worcester fight, and again in Sir George Booth's cause; was decimated and twice sequestered.

238. John Weeks, of Sarum. For leave to take the law against Rob. Phillipps, of the bedchamber, to whom he lent 100*l.* in the time of the late war, to keep him from starving, which Phillipps now refuses to pay.

239. David Wemys, merchant. For assistance from the Exchequer of Scotland. Has never had a penny in His Majesty's employment, so that his great disbursements, loss in the storm of Dundee, loss of trade, &c., have obliged him to sell even his household stuff and the ornaments of his body.

240. A hundred and twenty poor Porters of Westminster and their families to the Council, for orders that goods may be landed at Woolstaple Stairs, and they enjoy their labours there as formerly; their former place of labour at Kingsbridge was removed thither, on complaint of Wm. Reignold, wharfinger of Westminster, made to advance the profit of his own wharf; now he tries to take this away, and leave no free landing-place in Westminster for goods, so that commodities are brought in by carts, which so pester the streets that the nobility and gentry cannot pass in their coaches, and prices rise, goods having to be landed at Mr. Reignold's wharf, and be carried at excessive rates in his carts. *Annexing,*

240. I. *List of the above-named porters with the numbers of their families.*

241. Rich. Wharton. For admission to a place as Yeoman of the Guard, many places being vacant through mortality. Was promised one when His Majesty was in Jersey, before he left for Scotland, and has since had his petition referred to the Earl of Norwich, but was denied admittance by reason of his poverty.

242. Sir Charles Wheler. For the office of Chief Ranger or Bow-bearer of Bolland Forest, Yorkshire, which lies near to his estate. [*Signed.*]

243. Col. Roger Whitley. For exchange of his son's life for his own in the grant of the receivership of North Wales, in reversion after Mr. Wynn, who is healthful and likely to live long. *Annexing,*

243. I. *Memorandum of collectors' places void: one at Newcastle; Col. Jones's in Wales, worth* 200*l.* *or* 300*l.* *a year, or Gorton's, in Cheshire, worth* 120*l.* *a year.*

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244. Thos. Wilkinson. For a dispensation to hold with his poor vicarage of Lawrence Waltham, Berkshire, that of Icklesham, Sussex, granted for his better subsistence, but which lies out of distance.

245. Samuel Willdey. For admission to the Charterhouse Hospital.

246. Robt. Williamson, merchant. For licence to import to London from Ostend, in such vessels as shall offer, spicery worth 1,500*l.*, on paying customs. Has part of his estate in Holland and wishes to convey it home by way of Ostend.

247. Col. Rich. Wiltshire. For an order for receipt of 72*l.* 18*s.*, due to His Majesty by a person empowered to seize prohibited goods, but concealed, as a gift for his services and sufferings in the Royal cause, having "in all the crowds of suitors" never begged any relief before.

248. Clara Wood. For a warrant for the ship St. John, if she prove a prize; cannot suspect a denial, His Majesty knowing her condition, and the ship is not the one his Highness pretends to, which is the Hercules.

249. Clara Wood. For a warrant to Lord Ashley Cooper for 300*l.* or 400*l.* for her out of treasure now in hand, finding great difficulty in obtaining the prize ship she sued for.

250. Clara Wood. For a pension to feed and breed her four children, none of whom are inferior in wit and beauty to her whom his Majesty was pleased to commend.

251. Ann Woodcock. For release of Thos. Chapman, at least till Christmas; fears he fares the worse for her sake, Sec. Morice having a quarrel against her for telling His Majesty of disobedience to the late Lord Mayor's order. Thanks for his allowance of 10*s.* a week, 5*s.* of which Chapman pays for his chamber; but it is said in the Tower, in order to eclipse his Majesty's favour, that it is granted by the Lieutenant, not by him. Begs him to regard the prisoner as David did Shimei. He will take the oaths and give security for peaceable living.

252. Thirty Tenants, &c. of Long Combe parish, manor of Woodstock, co. Oxford. Two years ago they treated, though to their great disadvantage, for the re-emption of Broad Leyes, in order to enlarge his Majest'ys park; the agents also took in some common land not in the purchase, yet they have hitherto received no allowance for their forbearance of the purchase-money, for the profits they might have made of the lands in the interval, and for their right of common. [*Signed.*]

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253. George Woodward, administrator of the late Wm. Woodward. For power to seize certain lands in Oakley, &c., co. Bucks, belonging to Frize Walton and Rebecca Pym, daughters of the late John Pym, until 5,000*l.*, owed to Wm. Woodward by him be repaid; the lands of Valentine, husband of Frize Walton were forfeit to the Crown by his attainder, but with a saving to all persons who had lawful interest therein.

254. Dr. Benj. Worsley. For payment of 1,600*l.* due to him from the Exchequer: in 1659, on surrender by John Thurlow of the farm of the post office, took it at 20,000*l.* instead of 14,000*l*, the former rent, on condition of holding it seven years, but was soon violently turned out, and deprived not only of his contract but of the moneys he had advanced to the Exchequer.

255. Robt. Write to the Council, for a warrant, and allowance for his travel, wherein he could apprehend two persons who make false passes and briefs, thereby abusing the King and the charity of the people.

256. John Wyatt, merchant of Bristol. His ship, the George of Leith, laden with raisins and ryals, worth 550*l.*, was seized for His Majesty's use in 1649 by Prince Rupert. Has lost, by the farming of the excise, the place of Sub-Commissioner of Excise in Bristol, granted him on the Restoration; begs discharge of a balance of 221*l.* still due by him for excise, and release of the bonds of 4,000*l.* in which he was bound for discharge of his trust therein, and which are now in suit in the Exchequer.

257. Sir Hugh Wyndham. For a small estate which he hopes to discover, belonging to How, of Luxborough, co. Somerset, forfeited by his being convicted of highway robbery. Was wounded and imprisoned in the late war.

258. Thos Wyndham. For a lease of Carnanton Manor, Cornwall, worth 52*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* yearly; for the office of Steward of Peverell, cos. Notts and Derby, and for a lease of coal and stone mines therein, at rent of 50*l.*, from which no profit now accrues to His Majesty.

259. Dr. Hen. Yerbury, fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford. For appointment of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishops of London and Winchester to examine the malicious and scandalous libels published to his defamation by Rich. Royston, of London, the King's stationer, who will not discover the author.

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1. Reference on Mr. Blount's petition to the Attorney General, to report whether the custody of the idiot's lands and their reversion, desired by the petitioner, belong to the Crown.

2. Reference on the petition of the Bishop of Carlisle to the Lord Chancellor, who is to nominate some lords and persons of quality as commissioners, with power to convent the Archbishop of York before them, to examine witnesses, and decide on the cause in dispute between him and the Bishop of Carlisle, in reference to dilapidations.

3. Order on Mrs. Dacre's petition, that the King will order the return of her husband to the kingdom, and then proceed as his behaviour merits. [*Draft, by Lord Chancellor Clarendon.*]

4. Reference of a certain petition to the Ordnance Comrs., who are to deliver to the petitioner a quantity of old powder, in consideration of his future services, and to favour him in the time allowed for delivery of 25 tons of saltpetre into the stores.

5. Note of a petition by Lieut. Legg, to prefer a bill in the Exchequer against the Attorney General, setting forth the statute 33 Hen. VIII., which gives relief against the King in law or equity, notwithstanding his being in possession, and reference thereon to the Attorney General.

6. Warrant to pay to Edw. Backwell 673*l.* 10*s.* for a jewel bought from him for the envoy of the Emperor of Germany. [*Draft.*]

7. Note of a warrant to pay to Sir W[illiam] B[oreman] 148*l.* a year, in lieu of the wages of gardeners, &c., at Greenwich. [*Draft.*]

Warrant for an immediate livery to Francisco Corbet, groom of the privy chamber to the Queen. [*Docquet.*]

8. Pass for Ant. French, M.A., long auditor in the regiment of the late Duke of Gloucester, who wishes to go abroad for study. [*Latin.*]

9. Note of a pass for Sir Bernard Gascoigne's ship bound from Leghorn.

Westminster. Warrant for allowance of yearly liveries to John Goodgroom, musician for the lute and viol, in place of Angelo Notario, deceased. [*Case B., Charles II., No.* 6.]

10. Warrant for a licence to H —— K[illigrew?] to cut down and carry away the coppice woods in certain forests, as a free gift, in reward of long and faithful services. [*Damaged draft.*]

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11. Advertisement of an order from the King to all magistrates to suppress all lotteries set up, excepting those granted to certain persons for the relief of loyal commissioned officers. [*Unfinished.*]

12. Warrant to James Earl of Northampton, chief ranger, and to the woodwards, &c., of Whittlewood and Saulcey forests, co. Northampton to permit Philippa Mohun to cut down and carry away 500 decayed trees in the forests, as reward for service. With note of a previous warrant for 450, dated March 1664. Endorsed "Sir Robert Killigrew." [*Draft.*]

13. Note of a pass requested by the Earl of Northumberland for four servants to take six of his horses to France, where they are to be exchanged for barbs.

14. Warrant to the Ordnance Comrs. to issue a supply of 40 good defensive arms to the Guards, in exchange for old ones to be delivered in. [*Draft.*]

15, 16. Warrant for a commission to the Officers of Ordnance to take up vessels and bargemen for conveying ordnance stores to London, Woolwich, Portsmouth, and the King's ships in the Thames or elsewhere. Two papers. [*Draft.*]

17. Warrant for a grant of Edw. Earl of Sandwich and Rob. Lord Mandeville of 147*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, money remaining in the hands of Nich. Pedley, of Huntingdon, levied on that town during the usurpation; to be by them bestowed for the relief of the corporation, which is much decayed, because, as being a frequented thoroughfare, it was liable to the outrages of armies during the war. [*Draft, 1¼ pages.*]

18. Note by Mr. Bunnelly of a warrant delivered to Mr. Williamson about 3,000*l.* owed to the King by Alex. Hatchet, for a tenth of ships taken by the James of London, and for an order to be given for search of the said warrant, which is granted to Fras. Slingsby.

19. The King to —— Daniel, commander of the fort at Sheerness. He is to prevent the Dutch dogger boats, which frequent the river of Chatham in the oyster season, and have lately passed as high as Upnor Castle, to pass higher into the river than within gunshot of his fort, and to stay any who presume to do so. [*Draft.*]

20. The King to the Wardens, &c., of New College, Oxford. Requests them to choose Edward, son of John Ford, who suffered much for his loyalty, into a Scholar's place at Winchester College, at the next election. Endorsed "Sir Edw. Ford." [*Copy.*]

21. The King to the [Warden, &c., of New College, Oxford]. Orders observance of a decree made by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, in order to compose a difference among them about

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election of scholars, that Edw. Burgh and Nich. Bunington be both admitted, and exhorts them to peace and unity. [*Copy.*]

22. The King to the Farmers of Customs, &c. They are to deliver to Hans Johnson, master of the Sarson of Stockholm, to be shipped for Lisbon, certain quantities of arms detained in the Custom House, being satisfied that they were intended for the King of Portugal. [*Draft.*]

23. [Lord Arlington] to the Mayor of Gravesend. The King having heard of the disputes between him and Sir John Griffin, commander of the Blockhouse, as to their respective powers, and deeming such disputes injurious to his service and the peace of his subjects, exhorts them to be friendly and assist each other in discharge of their respective duties. With note of a similar letter to Sir John Griffin. [*Draft.*]

24. [Lord Arlington] to Lord Montague. Urges speedy payment of the money which he borrowed from Alderman Backwell to lend to his lordship's deceased son. It was refused at first, on the supposition that the King had paid it; then on plea that his son owed money to other relations, who are still unpaid. [*Draft, 2 pages.*]

25. [Lord Arlington] to Sir G. Norton. The King finds it necessary, for the safety of those parts from attempts of unquiet spirits, that part of the militia money now in his hands be spent in providing a magazine of powder and ammunition for the militia. He is therefore to pay the sums required by the deputy lieutenants of Somersetshire for powder, and the sums for payments to the militia for 14 days' service the same as in the last two years, and then to pay the balance to the deputy lieutenants. [*Draft.*]

26. [Lord Arlington] to Col. Roger Whitley. The King wishes the daily post, which was set up between London and Portsmouth and London and Harwich, for the better dispatch of the fleet, to cease, now that the fleet is again in harbour.

27. [Lord Arlington to Thos. Chutterbuck ?] There has been an opportunity to buy at Leghorn marble chimney pieces for the King's new palace at Greenwich; 1,000*l.* was remitted by Mr. May, paymaster of the works, to Chas. Chillingworth, but His Majesty is likely to be much wronged by the latter keeping the money, sending an extravagant account, demanding unreasonable allowances, and not sending the marbles, for want of disbursing the sums remitted. He is to take care that regular accounts are made, and that the King is not damaged.

28. ——— to ———. The old contest between the Provost of Edinburgh and Sir Wm. Thom[son], the late city clerk, is decided by the election of a new clerk, Thos. Young. Four young men were scourged through the city, branded, and sent to Barbadoes, for abusing Jas. Scott, minister at Ancram, in sermon time. Six heads

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are stuck on the gallows between Leith and Edinburgh, for murder of one of the Lords of the Murtle and his brother, youths of great estate, by Alester Maculson, one of their vassals; they were required by Council to surrender, but did not obey, and the next clan was ordered to rise and bring over their heads, which they did, but Alester and his companions killed and wounded 80 before they were taken. [*Damaged.*]

29. ——— to the King. Notwithstanding his command for payment of all that was due to the writer, has received only 100*l.* on four years' pay due. Has been obliged to pawn his jewels to live. Begs an order to the Lord Treasurer, now whilst he is in a good humour, for the remainder, and then permission to dispose of his place and retire. Fears he is despised by His Majesty, having had his clothes stolen by Hen. Wilson, valet of the grooms of the privy chamber, the last time the Queen was at Windsor. [*French.*]

30. ——— to [Williamson?] Has translated into Latin the Chancellor's speech in Parliament about the causes of the war. Wants to edit an edition of his own works, but knows not whether any English bookseller would undertake the expense. Wrote a congratulation on the King's return, and sent it to several nobles, but has heard nothing of it, though foreign princes praise it; wishes him to inquire after it. Thinks the Lord Chancellor is a Mecænas, who would not let a literary stranger want. [*Latin, 2 pages.*]

31. Rob. Bourlon, of Paris, capuchin, to Lord [Treas. Southampton?]. Requests a warrant to the Customs' Officers to restore two packets of books, a box, and other things belonging to the Capuchin Almoners of the Queen-Mother, living at Somerset House, which are retained by them. [*French.*]

Saturday. 32. E. Lady Cullen to [Williamson]. Requests to speak with him either at Lady Peterborough's or at home.

33. Thos. Davies to ———. Asks him to tell Mr. Williamson that the bill for the water bailiff's place in Dover must be in Sir Rob. Vyner's name.

34. Etienne Fouchaiott to the King. Explains the circumstances of his coming to England, falling under suspicion for purse stealing, his giving 45*s.* to the Lord Mayor's servant to let him go free, his trial, &c., in which, though not found guilty, he is detained for a second judgment. Entreats His Majesty's clemency. [*French, 3 pages.*]

35. Sieur de Lannay to the King. Begs not to be allowed to return to his country without some mark of His Majesty's generosity. [*French, 2 pages.*]

36. Anna Le Grand, Marie Elizabeth, Aldegonde, and Eliz. Constance Le Grand, her children, to [Council?] Supplied the King with large sums during his exile, for which, after his departure, she was threatened by the magistracy. Had promise of a house of 1,000*l.*

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a year, and the tax on Rhenish wines, but without effect; then had a pension of 300*l.*, which, after two years, ceased to be paid. Now Mr. Fox pays her 5*l.* a month. Thinks this cannot be all the King intends to do for one whom he has often called his mother. Her three younger daughters are left without relief, though His Majesty promised the Hamburg envoy to provide for them. Begs money for payment of her debts and a livelihood. [*French*, 2 *pages.*]

37. [W. Leving to Lord Arlington ?] Will not repeat his former intimations against George Rumford and Rob. Joplin. Can prove that Tim. Whittington, who has 400*l.* a year, John Joplin, now prisoner at Scarborough Castle, and George Marshal, of Yorkshire, near Ripon, were in arms at Findon Hill, near Durham, and engaged in the rising. Can produce witnesses against them, if they will not confess.

38. W. L[eving ?] to Lord Arlington. Complains that North and Freer will no longer be directed by him, and behave unhandsomely to him. Freer does not mind who knows him, so that he gets the money; fears he will deceive his lordship to gain money; refused to go with him to Mr. Lee to ask for money before it was due. Thinks Freer can do no more service, and had better be dismissed.

39. Katharine Miron to Lord Arlington. Reminds him of his promise to think of her, in the distribution of the King's bounty to the distressed widows of those who have served in the Royal cause.

40. John Oveatt to [Williamson]. Sir Rich. Ford wants a list of the Lubeckers' ships to-night or to-morrow.

41. Sir Thos. Prestwich to Lord Arlington. A warrant should be granted to apprehend and examine the woman who carried Patrick Moore's trunk, and he should be searched for at Madox, a woollen draper's, and all his letters stopped at the post office.

42. Hen. Progers to Lord Arlington. Is deprived of two thirds of the King's grant of the house formerly held by Sir John Hippesley in the Mews, because being taken ill at Canterbury, at the Restoration, and unable to come to London, two of his comrades got two thirds of it, leaving him only the coldest part. Begs a privy seal, as obtained by them, to rebuild his lodgings, and make them more convenient to live in.

43. Peter Russell to the Navy Comrs. Reports the quality of Flanders and Norway hemp tendered by Mr. Colville and Mr. Doggett. [*Adm. Paper.*]

44. Joseph Saunders to the Navy Comrs. No allowance has been granted in lieu of the eight butts of defective beer found on board the Breda. The purser is obliged to procure a supply on credit. [*Adm. Paper.*]

45. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. Requests orders to Comr. Pett to calk, fit, and deliver up the Young Hoveling prize ship, to employed in weighing up the London wreck. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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46. Ann Woodcock to [Lord Arlington]. He bade her give him another paper, but knows not what to give; sent Sir Wm. Walter's letter and the Quaker's petition to the Dean of Westminster, and he sent word he had given them to the Duke [of York] who would give them to his lordship, and desire him to take charge of the business. His Highness would not have done so, had he not intended good. The sweet King will sign the paper if brought before him, so as to go down at the assizes. *Enclosing,*

46. I. *Petition of Wm. Pettifer to the King, whom he never saw. Is a quaker in Oxfordshire, and a mat maker; was taken from his family, and is in a præmunire, and none can do him good but His Majesty.*

47. Dr. Benj. Worsley to [Lord Arlington]. Though it would tend much to the settling of religious differences to have things observed which have not been done by any synod or assembly of scholars since the reformation, yet there are great discouragements, the said council having no convenient place to meet in, and keep their papers and books, which are carried from place to place; nor any allowance for clerks. Cannot apply his own mind calmly to the King's service, whilst he is so uncertain of any maintenance for himself.

48. Certificates by Hen. Alworth and five others, that the Vice-Chancellor, senior doctor in divinity and vicegerent of Baliol College, [Oxford], has proceeded regularly in the election of a proctor for the University. [*Copy.*]

49. Certificates, &c. by Sir John Berkeley, governor of Exeter, and four others, of 24th and 30th March and 1st April 1646, produced by John Butler of Exeter, to prove a debt owing him by the late King of 1,266*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* [*Copies.*] *Annexing,*

49. I. *Account of* 410*l.* 1*s.* *for clothes, malt, powder, &c., for the service. With note endorsed, that the writer presents this account, hoping that His Majesty will allow Mr. Butler the lesser sum, for which the writer is engaged.*

50. Certificate by John Web, Wm. Ward, and Jo. Vener, prisoners in the Tower, that Mr. Cressit had 6*s.* a week for twenty-six weeks, of which Davies the warder was to have 2*s.*, but only got 12*s.* in the whole, wherefore John Vener was forced in conscience to pay Davies more than he otherwise would; and that they have only had their allowance since 8th September 1663, although His Majesty granted it them long before. [*Copy.*]

51. Certificates by And. King, Thos. Killigrew, and two others as to the loyalty, &c., of Lieut.-Col. John Huntley and his good services in the late war; he had nearly died for being one of the court of array for London, and showed attention to the King's servants when prisoners.

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52. Certificate of Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Master of the Rolls, that the office of prothonotary of Chancery is to enrol, prepare, and pass commissions for embassies, and transactions with foreign princes; also pardons, supplicavits, supersedeas writs, &c.; that he has 100*l.* a year; that the office is usually held by knights, serjeants-at-law, or persons of quality who act by deputy; and that prothonotaries are allowed to sit covered in court. [*Copy*, 1¼ *pages.*]

53. Certificate by Lord Arlington of his receipt from Thos. Simon, one of the King's chief engravers, of a large and two small steel seals for the King's private use, and a very large one with his achievements, for letters to foreign princes; also of twenty-one seals of several sizes, of his own coat of arms, for his Majesty's use. [*Copy.*]

54. Certificate by George Godin and Rich. Bell, constables of Andover, that the bearer could not be horsed, because they could not by any means get a horse.

55. Caveat that notice be given to Mr. Bayles before any petition be granted for a commission of review in the cause of marriage between Thos. Fuller and Hannah Wiffin, now wife of Thos. Bayles.

56. Query as to what has become of Rob. Adams, of Dover, master of the Jean shallop of Dover, and what voyages the vessel has lately made.

57. Testimony of Peter Morrell and Peter De Master, mariners. Sailed with Rob. Adams, master of the John of Dover, 18 months ago; 5 months since, 200 musket barrels were brought in the vessel from Dunkirk, and put into the King's storehouse, where they sill remain, and two brass guns which were brought into the Tower; no other arms were brought.

58. Statement that the erection of the haw in the New river, done to spite the executrix of Sir George Ascue, will profit few persons and damage others, and that it will not be allowed by His Majesty's Commissioners, but the executrix will be recompensed. Endorsed "Dr. Willis' case."

59. Request by David Bennet for Lord [Arlington's] influence to procure him the Landwaiter's place in the Customs, void by death of —— Charnock, worth 80*l.* a year, instead of his own place as surveyor, worth 30*l.*

60. Statement that Dowgate wharf is much annoyed by a dung wharf made by the city on the other side; that it is useless to Mr. Best, who desires satisfaction for his interest in it; that the case is before a committee, and Sir Thos. Player and Sir John Lawrence may do service in it. Endorsed "Mr. Best's case. Col. Sandys."

61. Statement that William [Laud], Archbishop of Canterbury, appointed Mr. Woodall registrar of the Prerogative Court, and —— Abbott and Simon Rolleston reversioners; and as Rolleston is the only survivor, Gilbert, now archbishop, has the power to grant the reversion.

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62. Offer by a person not named [John Brydall ?] to pay 400*l.* or 500*l.* for the reversion of [Simon] Rolleston's patent [as registrar to the Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastic and Court of Delegates]; and 300*l.* or 400*l.* a year to Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, or his heirs, when he comes to enjoy the office.

63. Note that Dorothy Capper was served with a writ for drawing wine without licence, and must either take one, though she resolves not to continue in that way, or stand a suit, which will cost 15*l.*

64. "Information of Colonel Carr's case, by some friends that can evince the truth of it in his absence;" giving details of his service in Scotland, in trying to rally the King's forces after the battle of Dunbar, till he was beaten at Hamilton; his boldness in refusing to acknowledge the usurped government, or to accept promotion from Cromwell, &c., by all which he is brought very low, and only retired on hesitating to subscribe a bond about the remonstrance; that he has never tried to disturb the peace of government; and that the late proclamation from Ireland about him is a mistake. A free pass is requested for him. [3 *pages.*]

65. Proposal for a grant of the arrears of rents and profits of derelict and concealed lands, due from the date of the Act of Oblivion, which will amount to 80,000*l.*, and can cause no clamour, as it will only take place when the King's title is proved, and the clamour will only be against those who execute commissions for recovery of Crown lands, or the patentees at whose charge they are recovered. Endorsed "Mr. Clayton's proposition."

66. Affidavit of a constable, at the sessions of the peace, concerning the conduct of a serjeant in Sir Thos. Daniel's company, who on being reproved for selling ale without a licence, declared his sword was his licence, and treated the King's warrant with contempt.

67. Memoranda relating to a reference to be made to the Solicitor General and Mr. Harcourt, on the business of Elkins, in which an abominable imposture has been attempted. [2 *pages.*]

68. Statement that the keepership of Enfield chace was promised by the King, before his restoration, to Charles Lord Gerard, and granted to him since; but —— Batts has also obtained a grant of the lodge there, the only fit residence for the keeper, which lodge and other inferior offices were usually granted by the keeper; that Batts is ignorant of the business of the chace, and hinders the bringing in of deer; moreover his grant is under the great seal, whereas the statute requires that it should be under that of the duchy of Lancaster; therefore Lord Gerard requests permission to retain the lodge.

69. "Case of James Herbert, concerning the right of fishing for oysters in the Manor of Wilton, co. Kent;" that he had the grant thereof from Charles I.; that it is disputed by the fishermen of

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Stroud, at whose request a *quo warranto* is issued against Mr. Herbert; he requests that he may have leave to amend an error in his plea.

70. Statement of a debt of 11,000*l.* or 12,000*l.* due to Capt. John Hodder, for provisions to the British forces in Ireland in the rebellion, which, by vote of Parliament, should have been paid from the Chamber of London, but was not. Since the Restoration, it was allowed out of Irish lands, but with no fruit as yet. Requests that it may be paid from discoveries of Irish lands belonging to the Crown, but not yet in charge. The party concerned in the debt expects a full moiety for himself, the other to the person whose interest procures it, and the writer to have some employment in England as collector of taxes north of the Trent.

71. Statement of the case of Sam. Brightwell against Thos. Holt, serjeant-at-law. Accuses Holt of leaving out his name as referee in several orders of sessions; of striking out names in other references of workmen's bills about the gaol, &c.; threatening justices of peace in their office; insulting his inferiors and equals, even to provoking of duels, and having been a violent enemy to the King. With Holt's replies to each of these accusations.

72. Case of Samuel Brightwell, justice of peace for Berkshire, *v.* Serjeant Thos. Holt, for hindering him in the exercise of his authority; showing that the cause was heard before Council, but dismissed, because Sir Wm. Armorer and Fras. Pigott, two of the plaintiff's witnesses, could not attend, and requesting that they may make their affidavits in the country, and the matter be reheard in Council, or referred to Prince Rupert, and meanwhile proceedings at law against the plaintiff may be stopped.

73. Details relating to the farm of the imposition of 12*d.* per chaldron on coals, granted in 1640 to Sir Lancelot Lake and others for 20,000*l.* fine and 8,300*l.* rent, reduced to 1,836*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, when impositions were taken off by Parliament in 1642; of the disposal of the said revenue since; of the services done by Sir Lancelot to the late King in advancing him 500*l.*; and complaint of his being forestalled by Sir Jeremy Whichcott and Sir Thos. Peyton, who obtained a grant thereof before the Restoration, and will not admit him to a share without payment of 3,000*l.* [3 *pages.*]

74. Complaint that the Earl of Lincoln violates the settlement whereby, on the marriage of Lord Clinton and Lady Anne Holles, March 30, 1652, he settled on Lord Clinton the remainder of the honour of Folkingham Castle, Tattershall Manor, &c. worth 2,000*l.* a year, without impeachment of waste; but by permitting lands to be ploughed, which were not so formerly, they will become not worth a fourth of their present rent, and therefore he should be restrained by Chancery from doing it.

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75. Memorial in behalf of John Lindsay Goldsmith, requesting that if any further petition of the note-creditors of the late Mr. Colvill against him, for denying them satisfaction, be read, the Attorney General may be called on to show his report on a similar previous petition, that he had not broken trust, but had satisfied the creditors as far as the assets extended.

76. Statement by Sir John Marlay and Sir Fras. Anderson, commissioners for prize goods at Newcastle, that the King ordered a warrant of 100*l.* each for them, out of prize goods.

77. Statement that Mary Wood and Capt. Provise, reprieved prisoners, have been many years in prison for want of money to pay their fees, and they beg an order for their discharge; also that the reprieved convicts hope the Queen-Mother will send them to her Maryland. Marked "Mr. Hervy, prisoners, Ab. Montague."

78. Address of Savage, a hosier in Newgate Street.

79. Note of the King's recommendation of J. Sawyer, his servant, for a lease from [the Archbishop of Canterbury] of Floatmead, between the Thames and Lambeth Marsh, Mr. Wanley, the present tenant, not having renewed his lease, addressed to Mr. Aldworth, "my lord's secretary," and Mr. Turner, his receiver.

80. Account by Thos. Smallwood of his coming to London, by virtue of a pass from Lord Arlington, to dispose of Dorcas, daughter of the late Randolph Dale, left in his charge; to make up his accounts with his sisters; and to receive portions due to two of his children, Joseph and Elizabeth.

81. Statement that Ann Stretcher, widow, brewer of Reading, issued a writ against Jos. Taylor, innholder, for 100*l.* due for beer, which he resisted, fled, and enlisted for a soldier; but she, not knowing that he was a soldier, had him arrested when he returned to the town.

82. Statement that —— Hollis tried to induce Capt. Ward and others to engage in the Venetian war, and is encouraged therein by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of London.

83. Information of Mr. Ward. Particulars of Mr. Hollis's intercourse with Wallop Lambert, the Earl of St. Alban's, Bishop of Winchester, and Sir Hugh Carteret, all encouraging the Venetian expedition, &c.

84. Memorandum relating to Capt. Cordye, of Baxter's regiment, and Capt. Gladstone.

85. Note of propositions for raising an army to serve the Venetians, taking away all the old rebellious Fanatics and Fifth Monarchy men that will go, but not to wear arms until they set sail, nor to congregate in larger numbers than can go in one vessel, and be shipped at once from the nearest port.

86. Information of Robert Turner, that he is compelled to transfer his prosecution of the prize collectors to Mr. Peck, for want of

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money, and wishes Parliament to be informed that some of the guilty cause delay by their bribes. With notes against Clement Oxenbridge, comptroller of the prize office, who endeavours to stifle the King's right in the prize business, as he tried formerly to ruin the Duke of Buckingham.

87. Statement of the villages and hamlets contained in the manor of Syon, co. Middlesex, which are in possession of the Earl of Northumberland, and not comprised in the honour of Hampton Court.

88. The case of the Stillyard. Edward I. granted privileges to certain Hanse Towns merchants, to whom Edward II. granted the house called Easterling Hall, or Teutonics' Guildhall, and Edward III. granted them certain houses, &c., vulgularly called the Stillyard; afterwards, for exporting 44,000 cloths yearly instead of 80 as agreed on, they forfeited their privileges, were dissolved, and their buildings, &c., were revoked to the Crown, to which they now belong, notwithstanding several attempts of the Company to re-occupy them. Those who now hold them have no lawful claim thereto. [2 *pages.*]

89. Report by Attorney General Palmer on the claim of the Hanse Towns to the tenements called the Stillyard, in London, that they were granted them by Hen. III. as a place of business, and frequently since taken away on displeasure and regranted, but they now let them as matter of profit. With abstracts of records thereon. [3 *pages.*]

90. Copy of the first part of the above.

91. Particulars of the manor of Little Billing, co. Northampton, extent 609 acres; yearly value, 744*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

92. Names of the gentry of the county palatine of Durham, 24 in number.

93. "Case of the borough of Southwark, concerning hearth money:" That there are 1,000 more households in the borough unable to pay taxes than those who do pay, those paying poor rates being also compelled to pay hearth money; many who from charity paid before a halfpenny or a penny a week for the poor now decline it. The revenue thus decreases, and the trouble of collecting it grows intolerable; many handicraft men, being tenants at will, remove at a day's notice, and so the hearth money is lost; it is heavier than any other tax, falling mostly on such as through inability never contributed to former taxes; most of the 16 out parishes of London are in the same case. It is suggested as remedy that the said tax be paid by the landlord, and that in the new law, the constables of Southwark have the same power to levy the rate as those in other parts of Surrey.

94. Heads of the Bill for disforesting Hambleton chace, co. Hants, to which the Bishop of Winchester has a title. [*Printed.*]

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95. "A catalogue of the principall gentry dwelling in the county of Berks, an°. 1665. The first column shows the places where they dwell; the 2d the names of the gentlemen themselves; the 3d of their wives; the 4th of their heires." Arranged according to hundreds. With memorandum by Jos. Williamson, "Mr. Ashmole made these notes at my desire." [19 *pages.*]

96. Order by the Vintners' Company of London,—on information that divers retailers of wines sell them at higher prices than fixed by proclamation,—that a copy of the proclamation be affixed in some open and visible place in their houses, and that they be informed that the Company will search for and execute the laws against such as sell in bottles of under measure. [*Printed.*]

97. Account of the delivery monthly of 50 faggots, 1,000 billets, and 4 quarters of charcoal for the removing wardrobe of beds.

98. Note of commissions to Sir Rob. Holmes as Captain, Pet. Galbois, Lieutenant, and Thos. Holmes, Ensign of a foot company to be raised in the Isle of Wight.

99. Notes of the Officers in Lord Carlisle's regiment. [2 *pages.*]

100. Memoranda, some cancelled, of officers in several regiments and in the new levies. [3¼ *pages.*]

101. Note for Captains' places for Nich. Carter and Capt. Horsington, and a Lieutenant's place for Wm. Wiggon.

102. Note that Christopher, brother of Sir Rob. Hildyard, captain at Hull, was a Lieutenant Colonel in the late war, and is now a Master in Chancery.

103. List of 80 soldiers grown aged in 18 companies of the King's Foot Guards.

104. Estimate signed by Lord Treas. Southampton and Lord Arlington of the daily, monthly, and yearly expense of three regiments of horse and nine non-regimented troops; total yearly, 105,189*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

105. Estimate of the expense of levying, clothing, and paying the new raised and other forces till May 31, 309,236*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*, towards which the poll bill has brought or will bring in only 150,000*l.* [2 *pages.*]

106. Estimate of the pay of a regiment of horse of 480 soldiers, 30,170*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* yearly; of a regiment of 960 dragoons, 33,789*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*, and of a regiment of 1,000 foot, 17,340*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*

107. Account of the Militia Officers of Bedfordshire, being two troops of horse, 50 or 60 each, and five companies of foot, 80 each, with the names of the officers.

108. Note of an establishment for the fort at Yarmouth; total cost, 200*l.* 4*s.* a year. Signed by the King, Lord Treas. Southampton, and Lord Arlington.

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109. Statement of the fraudulent conduct of H. B., who takes the King's gunpowder, effaces the marks or puts it into other barrels, and then sells it again to the Royal stores. Endorsed, "Powder embezzled, Mr. Collins."

110. Demand by Capt. John Taylor of 13*s.* 4*d.* each for New England deals. [*Adm. Paper.*]

111. Request by Henry Prescot for protection in impressing barges for the carriage of timber down the Guildford River. [*Adm. Paper.*]

112. Request by Edw. Dering for security and safe conduct to nine ships now ready at Newcastle, on their voyage to Hamburg, to fetch provisions according to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

113. Account of necessaries required for weighing the remaining part of the London's wreck; some of the prize ships might be well employed in the work, and 30 or 40 of the prisoners. [*Adm. Paper.*]

114. Order by Sir Wm. Warren for the discharge of Thos. Webb from the Royal Oak, to go to New England for masts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

115. Estimate by Edw. Rundells of the charge for enlarging the launches at Woolwich, and taking down the old wharf at the west side; total, 70*l.* 4*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

116. Plan, estimate, &c., by W. B[odham], for a new call house to be built over the watch house in Woolwich ropeyard; total cost, 2*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

117, 118. Report by Chris Pett of carver's work and joiner's work necessary for the fourth-rate ship building at Woolwich. Two papers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

119. Report by Chris. Pett of carved work necessary for the new fifth-rate frigate building at Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper, 1¼ pages.*]

120. List of 31 shipwrights and 6 calkers ordered down to the buoy of the Nore, who worked from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m., for the immediate dispatch of ships, with request of consideration for Mr. Fletcher's extraordinary charge in hiring boats for their transportation. [*Adm. Paper.*]

121. Plan and dimensions of a stove to be built in Woolwich ropeyard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

122. Plan of the ground near the ropehouse at Chatham, in order to the erecting a stove. [*Adm. Paper.*]

123, 124. List of the refinctory workmen in the deckyard at Woolwich, with their petition to the Navy Comrs. for speedy payment of wages due; being no longer able to obtain the common

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necessaries of life, they were compelled to what they have done, as the shopkeepers will no longer trust them, and the sore visitation in London prevents their applying to their friends for supplies. Two papers. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

124. I. *Names of three men belonging to the Breda.*

125. Statement of the inadequate salary and assistance allowed to the storekeeper at Deptford, the most ancient of all the storekeeper's offices, from whence are issued the greatest part of provisions for furnishing other stores; a better allowance than 20*s.* per annum for books and paper is solicited, and consideration for perquisites lost during the last two years. Noted that he shall have 4*l.* a year for paper. [*Adm. Paper.*]

126. Description sent from Havre of the plan of building a proposed vessel of 250 tons, 62 feet by 24. [*French,* 3½ *pages.*]

127. Reasons why foreign vessels bound for London should take in English pilots; that English captains are obliged to do the same abroad; that foreigners, by piloting themselves, become too well acquainted with our coasts, which becomes dangerous in times of war, and enables them to land foreign goods; and that this plan would give encouragement to our own pilots.

128. Note of logwood seized from the ship Nicholas and Mary of Gravesend; Mr. Ward, surveyor of the Custom House, can give a further account.

129. Statement that the ship Peacock, belonging to Jacob Lucy and two other London merchants, sailed from Newfoundland for Lisbon, in August last, but being attacked on the coast of Portugal, as they thought by Turks, and their ammunition spent, they deserted the vessel by night, and took to their boats; the ship that chased them proved to be French, and has taken their vessel into Rochelle, where it is detained, in spite of applications for it.

130. Account as returned to Sec. [Sir Wm.] Coventry, of the numbers of men belonging to each ship of the navy, and in the several dockyards, of whom 4,211 have subscribed and sworn the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, according to writ July 3, 1660, 31 refused, 299 were absentees without leave, 94 with leave, 160 under age, 7 foreigners, and therefore not sworn; total, 5,298. [*Damaged.*]

131. Account that in Nov. 1664 the deputy lieutenants of Carnarvonshire intercepted a dangerous letter to [Rich.] Edwards, supposed to be from John Williams, a minister in Kent; Edwards was apprehended and Williams gave himself up, and after being kept 10 weeks under a messenger at great expense, was released, on taking the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and entering bond in 1,000*l.* for his good behaviour.

132. Testimony of George Pley that on being questioned by Thos. Hyde for suffering meetings in the town [Weymouth], he

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replied that he understood that Nonconformists met in London unsuppressed by King, Council, or city officers, to which Hyde replied, "if they be rogues, must we be rogues too?" With note that Matt. Pitt acknowledges hearing Hyde say so, but being a quaker, will not swear.

133. Information from Dr. Croft of Marsh, a stationer, who has dispersed the 25 reasons, and the Archbishop's letter to the King against toleration of the press; also of a private printing press in Lothbury kept by —— Harris.

134. Information given to "your Grace" at request of Sir Ant. Brown and Sir Mundiford Brampston, of a strong house close on the Thames, called Crixey, in Essex, belonging to Sir Cranmer Harris, which house, as well as the whole parish, is inhabited by fanatics, who keep together there; the house is a dangerous place in insurrection, as arms could be landed there, &c.

135. List of ten English and Scottish fugitives in Holland, chiefly officers and ministers.

136. List of 12 persons in custody at Worcester, by order of the Lord Lieutenant, chiefly officers and soldiers.

137. Note of the places in London where Capt. Wise, *alias* Williams, Carew Frost, and Spurworth Snow may be secured, if searched for about 4 o'clock a.m.

138. Account of persons proceeded against in Hertfordshire, according to the King's instructions; Dr. Gabriel Barber and Wm. Davyes, who have given security to live peaceably, Wm. Gold, and six other officers and soldiers in the late rebellion, who are committed to the Marshal for refusing to give security, as also John Young, a preacher at conventicles.

139. Information that George Scaife, near Kendal, said that the present powers will not stand long, and that he hopes to be one of the rulers next year; also that he was an agitator, &c.

140. Information by Henry Polstead, that he has often harboured dangerous people and that Mr. Rudd, a common-council man, complies with him in saying that Christ is not God; John Greene, now a prisoner, can say the same against him.

141. Testimony of George Aislabie and three others, that in December last, Edw. Orde, late pretended curate of Coushy, was brought before Alderman Elwick, then lord mayor of York, and committed for preaching without licence; that he confessed to having Presbyterian, not Episcopal orders, and that since the Act [of Uniformity] he had wandered about two years, and not been at his own house; that after 18 days, the lord mayor liberated him, as fearing his commitment was unlawful, in spite of the opposition of Sir Edw. Brett, the governor.

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142. Note that Ludlow is frequently at the houses of William, Augustus, and Humphrey Buckle, all living at Warminster, within eight miles from Philips-Norton. Endorsed "The names written in your lordship's table-book."

143. Particulars of Cornelis Meddelgheest, a Dutchman, who came over with Ambassador Nieuport in Cromwell's time, and has become clerk of the Royal Company, although strongly inclined to the rebels. He is intelligencer to De Witt.

London. 144. "A description of the office of credit by the use of which none can possibly sustain loss, but every man may certainly receive great gain and wealth; with a plain demonstration how a man may trade for six times his stock and never be trusted; and that (if generally received) there can afterwards no accident happen to cause a deadness or slowness of trade, except wars, nor need men make any more bad debts." [*Printed pamphlet, 4to, 26 pp.*]

145. "Jus Majestatis Anglicanæ, or a treatise of the King's sovereignty, collected out of the body of the common law, with mention of such statutes as are incident hereunto," [by John Brydall ?] [84 *pages.*]

146. "The supplication to ye King for usuring and consistorye;" a description in Scottish rhymes of an appeal to the consistory court for the loss of a grey mare, and of the delays thereon ensuing, which lasted two years, but the writer never got his "good gray mare againe."

147. Prediction in verse of a contest between the English and French and other troubles, to begin when a one and three sixes meet for the year.

148. Request that Lord Arlington will order the perusal of the intended new edition of Baker's Chronicle, in order to its being licensed; the account of the late King, written in Cromwell's time is re-written, and the mistakes in Dr. Quatremaine's book relative to his present Majesty corrected.

London. 149. "A speech delivered to His Majesty in the name of the French Church at the Savoy, containing their humble thanks for His Majesty's declaration in favour of those of the French nation residing within his dominions. By A. Lomard, minister of the said church." [5 *pages, folio, printed.*]

150. Notes [by Williamson] of the several proclamations, &c., issued in reference to coinage and money, 1560–1635; and other memoranda for coinage. [5½ *pages.*]

151. Memoranda [by Williamson] from a discourse of Sir Rob. Cotton, relative to the value of coinage, the weight and fineness of the silver and gold employed therein, the mode of testing the same by the weight, &c.

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152. Note of a lease from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, for 35 years to come, of the rectory of Steventon, co. Berks.; with names of four commissioners for Berkshire.

153. Suggestions for avoiding abuses in the frequent export of horses to France, Flanders, and elsewhere, on pretext that they are for foreign princes, the King's friends and allies, by appointing a surveyor over horses. [*French, damaged*, 1½ *pages.*]

154. Estimate of the charge for making and repairing the King's private ways and bridges; total, 475*l.*

155. Statement of the shares held by the King in certain moneys, and memoranda of lands, &c., of the King and Duke of York.

156. Orders to be observed in the Record Office of the Tower, relating to the hours of attendance, custody of the records, charge for searches, construction of calendars, &c.

157. Memoranda for the management of the King's 100 servants or officers [sitting in Parliament ?]; also for those not immediate servants who are sure to the King, those who are less sure, and those who are irrecoverably lost. [1½ *pages.*]

158. Note of papers belonging to passengers from Holland, viz., Nicholas' instructions to his wife, with a cypher and memorandum that Whittle, secretary to the [Farmers of Customs ?], should be asked who White is that recommended those three women from Rotterdam to him.

159. Instructions given by —— Nicholas to his wife on his business matters, getting in of moneys, &c., with a key to a cypher.

160. Proposal by Mr. R., a person who has correspondents in different parts of England, Ireland, and Holland, to establish a trading vessel between those several places, by which he could gather information, bring messages or persons concerned, and thus prevent risings hatched both in Holland and England. If this be refused, his expenses will have to be paid if he be sent to reside in Holland.

161. Query whether the King may not invest himself in lands mortgaged, and afterwards forfeit to the Crown, and undisposed of, to return if he pay off the mortgage. Endorsed "Mr. Lowther—proposall."

162. Account of forty manors or Crown lands in England and Wales passed by Charles I. to Sir Allan Apsley in 1629, for thirty-six years, in trust to pay 20,000*l.* for victuals for the navy, but which have been wholly misemployed by his trustees, and the creditors defrauded; with statement that the lands are now worth 100,000*l.*, and therefore the grant should be re-assumed and the surplus, after payment of the creditors, ought to revert to the Crown. Endorsed with queries whether Sir Allan would suffer if the affair were looked into, and if there were any other concern connected therewith.

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163. List of ambassadors and other persons in England and the Continent, to whom letters are to be sent on certain days of the week specified. Endorsed "Correspondents." [1½ *pages.*]

164. List of the twelve general Commissioners for Prizes.

165. List of Sub-Commissioners [of Prizes ?] in London, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Bristol, and Hull. [2 *pages.*]

166, 167. Two memoranda of names connected with the Earl of Norwich.

168. List of fourteen persons lately committed to the Tower.

169. List of fifteen names, servants of the King, headed by Sir Alex. Frazer. Endorsed "Subsidies, &c." [*Probably persons to be exempted from payment.*]

170. List of nine knights and gentlemen, marked "Mr. Goldsborough." Endorsed "Durham."

171. List of fourteen persons, chiefly in Northumberland and Cumberland, who will be convicted of coining. Endorsed "Mr. Strickland."

172. List of prices of different sizes of paper.

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Jan. 1. Derby. 1. William Allestry to Williamson. Begs him to help his kinsman, Wm. Allestry, student of Christ Church, to some preferment. Thinks his actions will repay the kindness.

Jan. 1. Naworth. 2. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Wrote to Lord Arlington from York about the plot there, but has heard nothing further. Wishes to know in time if Lord Ogle is to be called to the House of Peers, hoping to have his (the writer's) son chosen knight of the county in his place.

Jan. 1. Goodman's Fields. 3. Andrew Pearse to Thos. Hayter. Requests a warrant for Matthew Wood to act as his deputy on board the Royal Charles. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 1. Chatham. 4. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of all the ships in harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 1. Chatham Dock. 5. Phin. Pett to the [Navy Comrs.]. John Mason's timber at Maidstone is sound and fit for the King's service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 1. Deptford. 6. Jonas Shish to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Wood can supply a mainmast for the Foresight; beams and knees are being prepared for the new ship; begs that none may be taken out of the Deptford stores for Chatham or elsewhere. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 1. Dover. 7. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Requests orders for payment of his accounts. The Norwich is out of port, completely fitted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 1. Cockpit. 8. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Sends a protection warrant for the ship to be sent to Genoa for hemp. The boatswain of the Success is to be dismissed; recommends Abraham Browne in his stead. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

8. I. *Warrant from the Duke of Albemarle freeing from impress all the seamen belonging to the Brother's Friendship, permitting her to proceed on her voyage without molestation, notwithstanding the late embargo.*
*Cockpit, Jan.* 1, 1666.

Jan. 1. 9. Receipt by Tho. Harper of a serviceable pinnace into the stores at Deptford, from Capt. James Blake, taken by him at sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 1? 10. Petition of Capt. James Blake, commander of the Constant John, to the Navy Comrs., for a skiff of 20 feet long, as a reward for taking up the said pinnace, his boat being damaged in a late fight with a Flushing man-of-war. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. Woolwich. 11. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The foreign shipwrights beg that their board wages may be paid them monthly; recommends the purchase of sheet lead tendered by Rich. Pool, of Plumstead. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. Deptford. 12. Chris. Pett, Capt. Wm. Badiley, and Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Find the Turkey Merchant very fitting for a man-of-war. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. 13. Capt. Wm. Badiley and Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Send the names and burden of five prize ships fit to carry provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. 14. Notes by John Tooker of the taking up, hire, and lading of the William and Thomas, to carry ammunition to Guernsey and Jersey. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. The Unity, Portsmouth. 15. Capt. Thos. Trafford to the Navy Comrs. Has taken the White Dove, an English built ship, but manned by Dutch, bound from Cadiz to Amsterdam, laden with lemons; 15 Dutch men-of-war are constantly between Cadiz and Gibraltar; is in harbour for repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. Portsmouth. 16. Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Comrs. Wants a master and mate, in order to proceed at once to sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 2. Portsmouth. 17. Capt. John Chappell to Sam. Pepys. Is ordered to give account to his late gunner and carpenter of the disposal of seamen and soldiers belonging to the Young Prince, and they boast that their commission is better than his. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

17. I. *Muster book of the Young Prince, entered into sea victuals June* 4, 1666. [8 *pages.*]

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Jan. 2. Redriff.

18. Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Comrs. Justifies himself from the charge of having failed in his contract by bringing no more great masts from Gottenburg. Account of ships' ladings delivered according to contract before December 25, 1664. Four vessels were lost upon the coast of Jutland. Would willingly have bought bigger masts, but they were not to be had, the Council of Sweden giving public notice that none should be felled for seven years; complains of the constant discouragement received in the business; imprests are short of disbursements, hard to be obtained, and ill paid; has already given credit to the amount of 22,000*l*. Considers that the King has thereby gained a greater naval treasure than any Prince in Christendom, which the Dutch know to their cost, being obliged to venture as far as Russia for their next year's supply. Account of masts still to be delivered. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages*.]

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19. Certificate by Chris. Pett and Jonas Shish, of the fourth payment due to Wm. Castell, for the new ship building at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 2. Plymouth.

20. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Sends a copy of his letter of Dec. 29, concerning the Danish ship, Peter of Swinsound, seized by the Vice-Admiral. The Eliza and Paul are detained by contrary winds. The Sorlings needs repairs. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 2. Portsmouth.

21. Sir Rob. Southwell to Lord Arlington. Requests favour for Sir Theoph. Jones, the good intended him by my Lord Lieutenant [of Ireland's] recommendation being thwarted by my Lord of Anglesey. He wants a letter to the Commissioners to consider him in the distribution of reprisals, according to the proviso made for him in the Act, but destroyed. [2 *pages*.]

Jan. 2. Oxford.

22. Warrant authorizing Thos. Killigrew, groom of the bedchamber, Jas. Halsall, cupbearer, Sir John Sayer, and two others, to search for and seize all goods suspected to have been embezzled from several prizes in London, and other ports, part of which they have already discovered, and think they can recover more; the goods to be brought into the prize offices, and restored if found to belong to flag officers, or to have been taken between decks; an account of proceedings therein to be given to the Commissioners for Prizes. [*Copy*.]

Jan. 2. Rotterdam.

23. John Harcourt to Nicholas Hide. Has concluded with John Kelk, a trustworthy man, for 2,000 bushels of wheat and stock fish, proportionable to the desire to accomplish the provision from England. Directions thereon.

Jan. 2. Chapter House, Bangor.

24. Dr. Hugh Williams, substitute of Griffith, Bishop of Ossory and Dean of Bangor, and the Chapter of Bangor, to the King. Signify their election of Dr. Rob. Price, Bishop of Ferns and Lochleigh [Leighlin] in Ireland, to their bishopric, void by death of Dr. Wm. Roberts. [*Latin*.]

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Jan. 2. Chapter House, Bangor. 25. Appointment by Hugh Williams, first canon and prebendary of Bangor, and others, on the death of Willm. Roberts, late bishop there, of Edmund Arnold and John Richardson to be their proctors, to signify to the King their election of Dr. Rob. Price as their bishop, and to request his confirmation. [*Latin.*]

Jan. 3. 26. Gregory Phillipps to Lord Arlington. There is no disposition to action, for the most rigid Fifth Monarchists expect that ere long, such a way will be opened that all who fear God shall be satisfied with their call to the work. The great obstruction at present is difference of opinion, and they say they must wait till it be removed. Capt. Harris has several times been trying to enlist men, but only on his own account, to keep up the dying hopes of the common people; did not support him, for fear of being suspected for promoting a thing so irrational, and also because the plan took no effect, but will do so, if his lordship think good. Begs a further supply.

Jan. 3. Cockpit. 27. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Requests assistance for the Marquis of Worcester, in the dispatch of his concerns.

Jan. 3. Lyme Regis. 28. John Tucker, mayor, to the Navy Comrs. Has impressed all the shipwrights in the town except two; when merchants have occasion for shipwrights, they are forced to send abroad for a supply. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]

Jan. 4. London. 29. Capt. Geo. Cock to Sam. Pepys. Hears from Sir Rich. Browne of Sir Wm. Coventry's intention to write about the bill of imprest for the sick and wounded, but has not yet received the letter; is not to blame if clamours reach the ears of the King and Council, when money has been designed for the purpose. Begs the bill of imprest, as all are waiting for their money. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

29. I. *Sir Richard Browne to Capt. Geo. Cock. Sir Wm. Coventry sends by this day's post a letter and the draft required; his son Evelyn hopes to be with him next week; the Court continues in good health; has very little news.*

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Jan. 4. 30. Capt. John Wilgress to Sam. Pepys. Is much troubled at being deprived of the command of the Marmaduke; intends going to Oxford to learn from the Duke of York the reason of so sudden a remove. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 4. Portsmouth. 31. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Account of repairs needed before the Mars prize ship can be fitted as a man-of-war; considers she would make a more suitable vessel for home service, or to fetch masts from New England; 100 dozen blocks are offered for sale, and ten tons of English hemp; all men distrust "London pay;" much might be saved if ready money were at hand to pay for goods as they are brought in; wants candles. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

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Jan. 4. 32. Jonas Shish to [the Navy Comrs.] Estimate of repairs needed for the Colchester; total, 163*l.* 10*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan 4. Woolwich. 33. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The Mary Rose must be docked for repairs as soon as the Dunkirk is launched; has all hands at work upon the new fourth-rate ship; desires that the joiners and carvers may be contracted with, for the performance of their part. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 4. Ipswich. 34. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Account of provisions received and delivered from the ports of Ipswich and Harwich, on account of Denis Gauden, from October 1 to December 31, 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 4. 35. Sir Wm. Penn to Thos. Hayter. The officers of the House de Swede run to and fro for their warrants; begs they may be delivered at once, to still the importunity.

Jan. 4. Tower, 36. Sir J. Robinson to Williamson. Thanks for the weekly news left for him by Williamson's orders. When his friends meet, they drink to his health as a very honest gentleman, though doubting whether he will drink to theirs again. Has answered Lord Arlington's letter about Major-General Butler.

Jan. 4. West Horseley. 37. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Williamson. Thanks for his letters and gazettes; can return no news from those parts, and hears little from London or elsewhere. There is said to be great jealousy between the French and their ambitious King, who, they fear, will be too hard for them, having got the Jesuits wholly to his party, which puts the poor Protestants in great fear. It is believed he will prevail with Portugal not to agree with Spain.

Jan. 4. Westminster. 38 Sir G. Downing to Williamson. Has given a bill according to form for the 500*l.*, and sent it to Nonsuch for a tally and order to to be made thereon; is glad the old correspondence is set on foot again, and hopes no mischance will happen.

Jan. 4. Portsmouth. 39. Sir Roh. Southwell to Lord Arlington. The wind is against their sailing. Has decided to go in an English ship, rather than a Portuguese, as more comfortable. The captains are glad that the prize office is to be removed from Portsmouth, as their men plunder the prize ships, and then stay on shore till the money is spent; the prize officers confess that the embezzlements have been great. Some vessels may still be brought in there, and there should be an agent to dispose of perishable goods. Mr. Shales, late accountant to the Commissioners, is a fit person. He wishes to buy an old ship, for which no one else will offer anything. Mr. Salisbury is ordered by the Dutch agent to give 20*s.* each to the Dutch prisoners at Winchester. [3 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

39. I. *Form of warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to sell, on appraisement, to John Shales the prize ship Wheel of Fortune, lying at Portsmouth, for which when exposed by inch of candle, no person offered anything.*

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Jan. 5. Portsmouth. 40. Sir Rob. Southwell to Williamson. Takes advantage of the delay by an ill wind, to commend himself and fellow prisoners to the favour of Williamson and of his namesake Joseph.

Jan. 5. Portsmouth. 41. Sir Rob. Southwell to Lord Arlington. Has been at Southsea Castle and seen Mr. Bagshaw and Vavasour Power [Powell]; the first resolves never to beg pardon nor set his name to a petition; the other thinks himself slighted like a prophet in his own country, and imprisoned for foretelling calamities in 1666. Broadsides have been heard out at sea.

Jan. 5. 42. Certificate of receipt by James Turner and two other Officers of Customs of Lynne of the goods belonging to the Earl of Sandwich, viz.: spices, some of them given to him by the King, china, clothes, music books, bedding, &c. Attested by Lio. Walden, John Heron, and Jasper Trice, gentlemen of Huntingdonshire.

Jan. 5. Dover. 43. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Wants an order from Lord Arlington to the Mayor of Dover. There is a rumour of the taking of Embden by the Bishop [of Munster?], and the gentlemen of the country are triumphing at their feasts.

Jan. 5 Oxford. Proclamation declaring the removal of the Exchequer from Nonsuch back to Westminster. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 207.]

Jan. 5. Oxford. Proclamation recalling the letters of marque granted to some subjects to seize the ships and goods of the Dutch, many complaints being made by ambassadors of other princes of seizure of their ships, by colour of the said letters. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 208.]

Jan. 5. Plymouth. 44. Wm. Harpur, mayor of Plymouth, to the Navy Comrs. Has impressed 14 shipwrights, giving to each 13*s.* 6*d.* for press and conduct money, and appointed them to appear at Portsmouth before the clerk of the cheque, within a given time. List of the persons impressed; total disbursement 9*l.* 9*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 5. Royal James. 45. Sir Thomas Allin to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of ships; fears it will be late before the fleet is refitted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 5. Woolwich. 46. Chris Pett to Sam. Pepys. Begs favour for Dan. Hook, son-in-law and executor of Wm. Cooper, who entreats a bill for the time his late father attended on the survey of the new ships building at Deptford and Blackwall, and allowance for his services as purveyor of the Forest of Alice Holt. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 5. Chatham Dock. 47. Phin Pett to [the Navy Comrs.] Recommends that as little joiner's work be done to the Victory as possible, not only for the better security of men from splinters, but also the lessening of great charge in this time of war; explains how the cabins may be framed, hung with canvas, and painted. Noted "Duke agrees to it." [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 6. The Milford, Milford Haven. 48. Capt. Rich. White to Sir Wm. Coventry. His ship has been much damaged in a storm; intended to have gone for Lisbon or Tangiers, but was forced to drive into the nearest haven. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 6. 49. Certificate by Chris Venman of John Norwood and his whole company being entered on board the Royal Prince 20 Feb. 1665, and there victualled until his discharge. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

49. I. *Certificate by Jonas Poole of the time of attendance of the Hopewell smack upon the London, from 2 July, 1664, to 19 Feb. 1665, when it was turned over to wait upon the Prince Royal.* *Prince Royal, Feb. 23, 1665.*

49. II. *Certificate by Sir Thos. Allin of the discharge of John Norwood, master of the Hopewell smack of Rochester.* *Royal James, Jan. 4, 1666.*

Jan. 6. 50. Capt Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. Finds 15 butts of stinking beer on board the Colchester; cannot ascertain where they come from. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 6. Ordnance Office. 51. Edw. Sherborne, Fras. Nicholls, and Rich. Marsh, to the Navy Comrs. They have no further occasion for the White Swan prize; will keep on the Copper Slayer and Hoveling as transport or storeships. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

51. I. *Edmund Wyndham and two other Prize Comrs. to the [Ordnance Comrs.?] Desire the re-delivery of the White Swan and Copper Slayer prize ships, lent for the weighing of the London's wreck.* *Dec. 21, 1665.*

Jan. 6. The Resolution. 52. Capt. Willoughby Hannam to Sam. Pepys. Knows nothing of Charles Woosencraft, nor what complaint he may have made of him; he is an idle fellow and unfit for the office he holds; he might apply to Sir Thos. Allin or Comr. Pett for justice, without going so far. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 6. 53. M. Lady Clarke to Mr. Gordon. Will be able to certify Lord Arlington of the worth of the person who is desirous to obtain the honour, because being nearly related to his lordship's family, she thinks he will take her word; it is a kinswoman of my lord, and married a Shirley, an honest gentleman of above 1,000*l.* a year, of a good family, never in arms against the King; his wife is a daughter of Sir Rich. Onslow. If his lordship should scruple, will wait on him and remove any prejudice. Hopes the business may be dispatched before the King leaves Oxford. Endorsed "Shirley—baronet." [*Sir Anthony Shirley, created 6 March, 1666.*]

Jan. 6. Warrant for confirmation of a previous grant to Thos. Chiffinch, notwithstanding a similar grant obtained by surprise for Sir Wm. Scroggs, of the real and personal estate of Maurice Vanlore, late merchant of London. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 3.*]

Jan. 6. 54. Copy of the above.

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Jan 6. Westminster. 55. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. Is glad the King is pleased with what is done upon the Act; the thing will work, because it is founded on reason, and is for men's ease and security, both as to what is to be paid and received; is pleased with the good news from Spain; hears that the money is sent to the Hague. The Gazette carries the day, but Williamson wants not enemies in the work.

[Jan. 6.] Saturday. 56. Sir Roht. Paston to Williamson. Finding the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor both his friends, begs that his paper may be put into Lord Arlington's hands. Will judge by the success it finds with the King when he may leave town, which is of consequence to his affairs at home.

Jan. [6?] Oxford. 57. Declaration of the King's pleasure that if, on renewing the farm of the Customs, it be found fit to separate those of wood, stone, and glass, petitioned for by Sir Rob. Paston, they shall be farmed out to him. [1¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 7. Plymouth. 58. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Three ships of the Tangiers fleet, having been damaged in a violent storm, have returned for repairs; they know not what has become of the rest of the fleet: thinks the foreign letters should be stopped for a post or two, that no intelligence of this disaster be given to the enemy, lest they should send a fleet after the other ships, which are probably scattered. The Plymouth news in the Gazette often errs, as this week, in reporting the arrival of the Sorlings with a prize. She was injured in fight with a Dutch caper, and there is no news of her since. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 7. Oxford. Warrant to pay from the late additional Act for 1,250,000*l.* 100,000*l.* to the Treasurer of the Navy for the victualler, and 50,000*l.* for the general use of the navy. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 75.]

Jan. 7. Portsmouth. 59. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Smith, Sir Wm. Coventry's servant, lately appointed purser to the Bonaventure, is at a loss to procure security for his accounts; has known him from a child, and is willing that her husband or son, or both shall stand surety for him, rather than his preferment should be lost; offers narrow Noyals canvas at 16*s.* 6*d.* per yard; wishes it would please God to put it into Sir George Carteret's heart to pay some of the money so long due to herself for cloth, and to her husband in the victualling department. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 7. Dover. 60. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. A shallop is arrived from Dieppe, laden with cable yarn; tallow, pitch, and tar are wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 8. Woolwich. 61. Wm. Acworth to the Navy Comrs. Has no store room for the 22 lasts of tar brought in by the Friendship; proposes sending it to Deptford, which has larger storehouses, and the yard freer from timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 8. 62. Jo. Fincham to Sam. Pepys. Is desired by Lord Townsend and Mr. Wren to serve the navy with English hemp; asks what terms will be given, and where it must be delivered. Has come up to London to contract about it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 8. 63. Jonas Shish to [the Navy Comrs.]. Has chosen a good mainmast for the Foresight, from Mr. Gray's yard at Wapping. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 8. Dover. 64. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Begs that his accounts may be examined and passed, and stores hastened down; 50 sail of merchantmen are gone out of the Downs, besides the King's ships bound for Portsmouth; requests an order to clear or pay the custom of Peter Crucifix's ship, laden with cable yarn. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 8. Surgeons' Hall. 65. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Requests new bills for the Hilversome, that Mr. Solby may be paid. Shall appoint Mr. Jackson surgeon instead of Mr. Giles. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 8. The Elizabeth, Portsmouth. 66. Capt, Robt. Robinson to Sir John Mennes. Has come to Portsmouth to refit. Disposal of ships: there should be three in the Soundings and two between Scilly and Ushant; the enemy lie 100 leagues off; longs to be at sea and in action again. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 8. 67. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. The remainder of the ballast ordered for the Paul could not be got down so soon as expected, by reason of the ice; the captain having ordered some from Greenwich in the meantime, refuses to take it in now. [*Adm Paper.*]

Jan. 8. 68. Examination of Wm. Blackbourne, leather seller, at the White Bear, Watling Street. Has in his custody 50 or 60 buff coats, fit for the use of county troops. Hears Dr. Worthington behind the Exchange usually; has not received the Sacrament for 10 years, and was formerly of the congregated church. Mr. Herring, captain of the trained bands at Cambridge, bespoke some coats, and Col. Legg has bought some, but none of the old cashiered officers. Is known to Mr. Fagge, a common council man.

Jan. 8. Naworth. 69. P. Beel, Lord Carlisle's secretary, to Williamson. His lordship sends thanks for his letters, with the Dutch papers enclosed.

Jan. 8. London. 70. James Hickes to Williamson. Protests that he does not delay the dispatch of Lord Arlington's letters; after receiving them from the Foreign Office, keeps them no longer than to tie them up and send a brief account with them. Will convey the King's command to the Lord Mayor about the bill of mortality, and send the book by express as soon as received. Fears an increase of the sickness, the weather being unusually hot and misty. Mr. Rathbone of Andover has again let the Plymouth bag for Oxford go through London; his should not be passed over, or he will never mend.

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Jan. 8. 71. Fras. Manley to Williamson. Sends a copy of Mr. Eyton's letter. *Encloses,*

71. I. —— *Eyton to [Fras. Manley?]. The restless fanatic party, though their lives and fortunes have been given them, will take up with no less than being what they were. The head of the serpent lies between Edmonton and Ware, and in retired places of Epping Forest and Enfield chace; a crew of them lies near Theobalds, and would be ready to second the least commotion in London. Hugh Courtney, a martyr in the cause, and Walter Thimbleton, an agent between the runaway renegades and those in England, have been seen on foot in the neighbourhood. If the sickness continue, and the Duke of Albemarle, who has been fortunate in all his discoveries, go to sea, the party will renew their conspiracy, and it is now strongest about London. Secret collections are made and sent up to London. Thinks those two fellows should be enquired after, and mischief prevented by breaking the knot. Lord Arlington should send to Sir Harry Wroth, to have a vigilant eye that way, and he cannot miss to single this brace out of the whole herd. It would be a great security if all the householders on that coast where the fanatics abound were to give in caution for the peaceable demeanour of their lodgers.* [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 8. Copenhagen. 72. Sir Wm. Davidson to Williamson. Is returning from his ironworks in Norway to Hamburg, to prosecute a debt against those people. They offer to pay 1,000 rixdollars, but that is not half of what they owe. Fears to venture himself in Holland, but asks the King's pleasure therein, when he will return to England.

Jan. 8. Oxford. Proclamation ordering all seamen who during the winter have visited their families to return to their ships by 20th February, promising pay even to those who left without leave, if they return by that time; but commanding those who do not to be apprehended and proceeded against by a court-martial, and forbidding any shipowners to employ them. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 209.]

Jan. 9. 73. Capt. George Cock to Williamson. Values nothing so much as his letters. Begs two passes for the ships of his Spanish friend.

Jan. 9. Cockpit. 74. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Is glad to hear of his return to Oxford. Troubles him with the business of the East India Company. They want to keep up their credit, that the people of the country may see that ships can be sent thither, notwithstanding the bragging of the Dutch. Total [of deaths], 265; of the plague, 89; increase, 12.

Jan. 9. London. 75. Sir Wm. Thomson, governor of the East India Company, to Lord Arlington. In obedience to orders, the East India Company have forborne to sell any of the saltpetre lately received from the

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Indies; but as they are about to appoint a day for the public sale of their goods, they wish to know the King's pleasure, whether they may sell that also.

Jan. 9. Westminster. 76. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. Thanks for his good news. What is done therein should be done speedily; the gaining of time is of most infinite import. Will not let the matter pass further. Asks if Williamson still has letters from the writer's correspondents as formerly; the money is paid them.

Jan. 9. 77. Information [by Sam. Pepys to the Navy Comrs.], that he discharged Wood's ketch at Chatham, Dec. 20, 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

77. I. *Account of provisions lent to Wood's ketch, to be deducted upon the freight.*

77. II. *Certificate by John Mascall, of petty warrant victuals granted to Robt. Wood, master of the St. George ketch, from 4th to 10th November* 1664. *Endorsed with Comr. Peter Pett's declaration of the St. George having entered service in attendance upon the Royal Charles, Nov.* 2, 1664. *Victualling Office, Chatham, October* 13, 1665.

77. III. *Certificate by Phin. Pett, of the burden of the St. George. Dec.* 29, 1665.

77. IV. *Certificate by Andrew Pearse, that Capt. Robt. Wood has cleared his accounts for casks, iron hoops, biscuit bags, &c. Dec.* 30, 1665.

77. V. *Report of the said ship as taken on contract 2nd Nov.* 1664, *taken by the Dutch 15th Aug.* 1665, *retaken 9th Sept., and discharged 20th Dec.*

77. VI. *Note of its being retaken 9th Sept., and victualled 20th Sept.*

Jan. 9. Deptford. 78. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Will speedily take in hand the graving of the King's pleasure boat, Katherine. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 9. Chatham. 79. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Requests payment of money due to Mr. Staynes, that he may be encouraged to continue the necessary supply of glass and plate work for dispatch of the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 9. Ipswich. 80. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Has little to do at present. No ships are under victualling, except the Hare fire-ship and the Young Lion. Little provision has been made lately of victuals, the stores being full. The coopers continue making cask. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 9. Dartmouth. 81. James Alward to the Navy Comrs. Has impressed 20 shipwrights for Portsmouth; requests payment of costs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 9. 82. Walter Lissingham, master of the Katherine, to the Navy Comrs. Requests an order for cleaning, refitting, and victualling the Katherine yacht. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 9. The Friezland, Portsmouth. 83. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Is making all dispatch to put out his goods, in order to relade for Plymouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 9. Westminster. 84. Sir Geo. Downing to Sam. Pepys. Has prevailed upon Mr. Read to sell masts upon credit of the Act, and procured iron and anchors also. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 10. The Dartmouth, Kinsale. 85. Certificate by Capt. Rich Rooth, of allowance due to Rich. Dynham, as surgeon of the Dartmouth, since June 1654. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 10. Woolwich. 86. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The smith refuses to furnish more ironwork without ready money, being unable to procure any further trust, and having already 1,000*l.* due to him. Repairs of ships. The double dock will be ready next spring [tide] for the Slothany and House de Swede. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 10. 87. Report of proceedings at a court martial held on board the Fairfax, in presence of Sir. Chris. Mings and 18 commanders and officers, upon Wm. Mintern, boatswain, and Thos. Brothers, master of the Expedition, for abusive language, neglect of attendance, and the embezzlement of certain stores; both cashiered without pay or ticket. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 10. Yarmouth. 88. Capt. Francis Saunders to the Navy Comrs. The Edgars' ship is finished, and the carpenters are in expectation of their money. She will carry 36 close guns and 4 upon deck. Has 100 stout men waiting to be entered, as soon as the ship is in water. Proposes to tallow and fit her at Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 10. Victualling Office, Dover. 89. E. Wivell to the Navy Comrs. Furnished the Assurance with a month's victuals upon the Commander's order; wishes Mr. White would allow victuals to be put on board ships while they are in harbour, as the weather sometimes prevents victuallers' reaching them after they have set sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 10. Poole. 90. Stephen Street, mayor of Poole, to the Navy Comrs. Has impressed five shipwrights for Portsmouth, according to the Duke of York's order, and paid to each 4*s.* for imprest and conduct money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 10. Chatham. 91. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Asks directions concerning 43 bundles of Riga hemp reserved on board the Rainbow; arrangements for cleaning ships; through neglect of the gunner, part of both decks of the Convertine are blown up, and 12 men injured by an explosion of powder. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

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Jan. 10. Cockpit. 92. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. No part of naval affairs more needs regulation than the disorderly conduct of the pursers; hears that Mr. Pepys has written his opinion on the subject, and on the most practicable remedies; desires to be made acquainted with the same.

Jan. 10. 93. Certificate by Wm. Jackson, mayor, and six aldermen of Nottingham, that they have elected Henry Marquis of Dorchester as their recorder, instead of the late Earl of Clare, and request His Majesty's approbation thereof. [7 *signatures.*]

Jan. 10. Warrant to pay to Sir Willm. Coventry and Henry Brounker, from the excise in the several counties, 8,300*l.* for secret service, without account. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 10. Letter Office. 94. James Hickes to Williamson. The Lord Mayor's account of the sickness was sent off in good time; the Exchange was thin to day; the city is troubled with a rumour that the term of Parliament will sit again at Oxford. Prays for a contented heart to live to God's glory. Begs leave to vindicate himself against any complaints of Mr. Douglas. Muddiman's agent, Mr. Sawtell, gallops up when the writer is making up Lord Arlington's letters to send by express, and threatens him if he will not at once make up Muddiman's letters, and send them at the same time. Begs directions.

Jan. 11. Oxford. The King to the Farmers of Customs. An embargo being laid on English vessels, or those manned by the English, their officers are to allow no vessel to go from any port, unless one-fifth of her company is taken from the Dutch prisoners, on security for their forthcoming on return of the vessel. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 164.]

Jan. 11. The King to the Lord General. The Dutch prisoners being put to great necessity for want of the allowances promised by the States for their subsistence, it would be a great advantage if such as are skilled in any art or trade were employed therein. He is therefore to return accounts of their trades or professions, that agreements may be made with masters of those trades, &c., to employ them, wherenpon he is authorized to release the said prisoners to parties contracting for them, on security that they shall be forthcoming when demanded. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 164.]

[Jan. 11.] 95. Draft of the above.

Jan. 11. Licence to Sir Wm. Dalston, high sheriff of Cumberland, to live out of the county, having no dwelling house in it. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 166.]

Jan. 11. Order to the Board of Greencloth for the King's barbers, Raphael Folliard and Thomas Lisle, to have their allowance of board wages in lieu of diet. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 4.]

Jan. 11. Warrant for restitution of temporalities to the Bishop of Sarum. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 4.]

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Jan. 11. Warrant for 2,000*l.*, for the fortifications of the Bowling Green in Jersey, payable to Sir Thos. Morgan. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 4.]

Jan. 11. Cockpit. 96. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Is sorry not to send better news of the plague. Sir Thos. Morgan has sailed for Jersey; there should be martial law there. The ships for Barbadoes are fixed on, and the Duke of York has given the instructions. Wonders that at such a time, Lord Willoughby should have leave to come away; fears his deputy will not go through with the business. Cannot spare the saltpetre in the East India ships, but the company has more to sell. The houses and furniture about Westminster and the seven families near Whitehall have been thrice fumed, and there is little sickness in those quarters; in London more care will be taken when the Lord Mayor, who has not been well, comes abroad again. The trained bands will do well if the Lord Lieutenants be ordered to have them ready, and the officers take pains to exercise them on holidays, but to draw them together would be chargeable to the country, which has heavy taxes besides.

Jan. ? 97. Petition of George Paul, of Ragusa, to the King, for two old vessels, the Posthorse and St. Francis, lying useless in Chatham, in compensation for his losses in 1651, when his vessel and goods, worth 5,000*l.*, were seized by Prince Rupert, and though he had His Majesty's order at Paris for their restoration, never obtained anything since but a bounty of 100*l.*

Jan. ? 98. Petition of George Paul to the King, for a commission of survey of the lands on the banks of the Tweed, wherein His Majesty has the royalty of fishing, though other fishings are set up, and for a grant of overseeing the same for 31 years, on paying a rent.

Jan. ? 99. Petition of George Paul to the King. For a grant of some small parcels of mud and waste lands in five counties wherein the waste lands were granted to the Countesses of Peterborough and Anglesey, but which are not inserted in their grant, reserving a fourth to the Crown; had a previous grant of the whole, but durst not dispute with such great persons, and quitted it for one-eighth part thereof.

[Jan. 11.] London. 100. Geo. Paul to the King. His employment brings him in nothing, but though ready to starve, without clothes, credit, or bread, will not steal nor embezzle anything of His Majesty's in his custody.

Jan. 11. London. 101. George Paul to Lord Arlington. Has been at the cofferer's, and finds several pensions granted there, and paid till all pensions were stopped. Begs the place formerly held by Sir Robert Stapleton, as fifth gentleman usher of the privy chamber, to wait as assistant without fees, but only board and lodging; it is valued at 200*l.* a year. His past services are known, and a word of his lordship's would do his business and Mr. Clifford's; must otherwise be ruined.

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Jan. 11. Oxford. 102. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to pay to John Lord Robartes, keeper of the privy seal, his full allowance of board wages in lieu of his diet, for the year 1663–4, notwithstanding the warrant of suspension of 29th Aug. 1663.

Jan. 11. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 3.]

Jan. 11. Woolwich. 103. Fras. Fletcher to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of timber served in by Fras. Charnock. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 11. Colchester. 104. Thos. Lewsley to the Navy Comrs. Is making strict inquiry in Essex for 3 and 4-inch oaken plank; thirty loads are already shipped away from Malden for Chatham; another thirty loads are tendered by Mr. Page, of Winenorth near Colchester, for ready money; hopes to find a greater provision in Suffolk. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 12. Barber Surgeons' Hall. 1. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Jackson, surgeon of the Clove Tree, and Mr. Giles of the Hilversome wish to exchange ships; wants bills for the Leopard, Bonaventure, and Hope and Hind ketches. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 12. Chatham. 2. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Progress of ships in dock; knees and plank wanted; the shipwrights and ropemakers cannot subsist much longer without payment of their wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 12. Woolwich. 3. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Report of ships under his cognizance; there are thirteen vessels to be fitted and repaired, and only sixteen calkers and eight servants to do the work; no encouragement is given to the men at Deptford; many will not come into the yard, but go to Woolwich for work. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 12. 4. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Asks what is to be supplied in lieu of fish; is much hindered for want of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 12. Oxford. Proclamation adjourning the holding of Hilary Term to the morrow of the purification [Feb. 3], and from Westminster to Windsor, lest the contagion which, though much abated, still continues, should increase by confluence of people; with exception for those who have to pay money this term into the Exchequer, which is to be paid at Windsor at the usual time. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 210.]

Jan. 12. Oxford. Warrant to receive John Wildman, and to convey him to Pendennis Castle, Cornwall. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 5.]

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Jan. 12. Oxford. Warrant to Sir Francis Godolphin, K.B., governor of Scilly, to deliver John Wildman, now in St. Mary's Island, to the commander of a frigate, to be by him conveyed to Pendennis Castle. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 5.]

Jan. 12. Oxford. Warrant to Rich. Lord Arundel, governor of Pendennis Castle, to receive into his custody the above John Wildman and detain him prisoner, for engaging in treasonable and seditious practices. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 5.]

Jan. 12. Syon Hill. 5. Thos. Povey to [Williamson]. Sends letters from Sir Thos. Ingram. Asks what will be done for relief of Tangiers. Is going to London. [*Damaged.*]

Jan. 12. Plymouth. 6. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Begs dispatch for a Spanish officer come to demand the goods plundered by Capt. Morgan, of the Pearl of Bristol, out of an Ostend vessel, lists of which have been sent, being chiefly arms. Wants an order to the Commissioners for their delivery. Lord Bath has written to Lord Arlington about them, and the Spanish agent is anxious to sail with the goods, not wishing to stay for the prosecution of Morgan.

Jan. 12. York Castle. 7. Notes of the examination of —— Wilson before Viscount Fauconberg, Lord Frescheville, and Sir Fras. Cobb, high sheriff of Yorkshire. He acknowledged the information of A. S. to be mainly true, but denied discoursing with him about a rising, though A. S. affirmed it to his face with seeming truth. Also of Wm. Hammond; he denied every part of A. S.'s information, which accused him of having a list of those who were to rise, which he was to have let one Scarborough see. A. S. dares not swear that Pockley was the person he saw at Halifax 30th November, and Leeds 5th December, and Pockley offers to prove that he was not there. The prisoners remain in the gaoler's custody, as committed by Lord Frescheville who is neither deputy lieutenant nor justice of the peace, nor did any such attend the examination. Wilson and Hammond seem very dangerous persons, and some justices of peace should take their information, and commit them in a legal way. The examination did not go further, lest the informer should be discovered before the utmost use was made of him. [3 *pages.*]

Jan. 13. Westminster. 8. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. The quick going of posts is of great import; the King had better have given a great sum of money than let Dan. O'Neale carry the Holland post by Flanders. In Westminster three have died lately of the plague. The city is wonderfully full of people; never saw the Exchange fuller. A friend says their instrument is discontented, and wished to go to Sec. Morice to be engaged by him, but was stopped for a time. There should be a hint in the Gazette that moneys daily come in, and that goods are sold on the credit of the Act for 1,250,000*l.*

Jan. 13. Cockpit. 9. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Lord Berkeley will have the saltpetre out of the East India Company's hands; wishes he could pay for it, or they will be loath to part with it, as money

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is owing them for the former saltpetre; hopes they will accept of money on the new Act. The East India ships are preparing, so the instructions for Bombay should be considered of. Has received orders that all ships going to foreign plantations take one fifth Dutchmen. An explosion of gunpowder has injured the Convertine, a Dutch prize at Chatham. Asks if the King have any employment at Ostend for Benj. Glanville, an ingenious man who carried the tin over there.

Jan. 13. Harwich. 10. Fras. Newby to Dr. Edm. Terold, Hogsdon, near London. Has demanded from Mr. Herne Terold's clothes, which are in his possession, but failed to obtain them; advises him to come with expedition; with note from H. N. of Mrs. Pordage's marriage to Dr. Symonds.

Jan. 13. Warrant to Lord Mordaunt to discharge Capt. Henry Sharp, now in his custody, he having first taken the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy before two justices of the peace of Windsor. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 1.]

Jan. 13. Warrant for instalment of first fruits to the Bishop of Sarum, taxed at 1,246*l.* 14*s.* 8½*d.*, to be paid in four years. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 1.]

Jan. 13. Warrant for a pass for three horses to be transported by Mr. Carteret to Jersey. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 1.]

Jan. 13. Warrant for prolonging for 31 years the lease formerly granted to Sir Tim. Tyrrel of the waste ground in Shotover and Stowood, co. Oxford, with the lodge, coppices, &c., on rental of 100*l.*, on account of his great charge in building on and improving the premises. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 2.]

[Jan. 13.] 11. Draft of the above. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 13. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth for the allowance of 50 faggots, 1,000 billets, and 4 quarters of charcoal monthly to the officers of the removing wardrobe, for airing the wardrobe stuff. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 4.]

Jan. 13. Oxford. 12. Warrant to Lord Chamberlain Manchester to pass the said allowance. [*Copy.*]

Jan. 13. Papers relating to the dispatch of ships ordered to Newcastle for coals [*Adm. Papers*]:—

13. List of warrants required for the coal ships, and tickets for the coal weighers and persons willing to go with them, &c.

14. Recommendation by Capt Rich. Patrick of a boatswain and carpenter for the Prince William.

15. Capt. Wm. Badiley to Capt. Wm. Hammon The Navy Comrs. desire tickets to be given to John Castell and Thos. Linklether, seamen belonging to the Peter. Jan. 8, 1666.

16. Note of the above two and four other men requiring tickets.

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17. Capt. Rich. Patrick to Thos. Hayter. The master of the Peter wishes an order to Capt. Kempthorn for Samuel Beele to be master of the Martin, and Capt. Hammon of the Colchester; also tickets for the six men above-mentioned. Jan. 13, 1666.

Jan. 13. Portsmouth. 18. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Repairs needed for the Franakin. Knows not how to procure men for her, there being so great a demand for every ship. Great want of carpenters; most of those at present employed are pitiful fellows who do not deserve 2*s.* a day. The Eastern ships are arrived. Postscript recommending Capt. Edw. Grove as master of the Franakin. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 13. 19. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Will readily embrace any new plan for victualling the navy, if it profit the service; knows not how it can be done unless particular persons will undertake it. It is much easier to receive provisions without money than to be obliged, as he is, to provide money to pay for them. Fears there will be much disappointment from all these essays, having had great experience in the dilatoriness and uncertainty of such proposals. Wishes either to be acquitted from his charge altogether, or supplied with money to meet the present demands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 13. 20. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Begs that the parcels of pipe staves and stock fish at Portsmouth and Dover may be secured, as being very necessary in the victualling department. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 13. Bristol. 21. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Progress of his new ship in building. Another payment is due; begs it may be disbursed out of the Customs by Isaac Morgan, the collector. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 13. Portsmouth. 22. John Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. The shipwrights received from various ports, according to warrants issued, are 2 from Shoreham, 9 from Plymouth, 12 from Dartmouth; total, 23. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 13. Royal James. 23. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. Has made a narrow search into the state of the Convertine. Repairs of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

23. I. *Account of the number of men on board the Convertine at present, those dead or sent ashore sick, and those discharged. The ship was in good condition on her arrival, but is much damaged by the late disaster.*

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Jan. 13. Ordnance Office. 24. Edw. Sherburne, Fras. Nicholls, and Rich. Marsh, to the Navy Comrs. Request that the metal in certain vessels at Portsmouth may be secured for their use. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 13. Woodbridge. 25. Thos. Lewsley to the Navy Comrs. Has met with much good timber in Suffolk, the greatest and best belonging to the two

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Mr. Mundays, who are willing to supply it upon payment of their former bills of 400*l.* due a year ago. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 13. Woolwich. 26. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Comrs. Has enquired about a house in which to stow the St. Andrew's lading of tar; thinks that unless it be sent to some storehouse fitted with wells for reception of the leakage, it may as well be kept in the yard, and so spare considerable charge for cartage, labour, and house rent; damage from the sun may be prevented by a load of green broom. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 13. Bristol. 27. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Sir Baynham Throckmorton and the other Justices of Gloucestershire make but little progress about the carriage of timber; 50 loads were brought in on the warrant to the Justices of Monmouthshire, which has been an encouragement to put more men on the work. Has received from Mr. Morgan the 400*l.* so long ordered. Shall be much put to it for paying the carriers, according to the Act, if some course be not taken for a certain supply of money. Asks how masts are to be supplied for the new ship in building. [*Adm Paper.*]

Jan. 14. 28. Philip Barrow to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of the colours in store at Chatham. The things mentioned in the last demand should be sent down with all speed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 14. Plymouth. 29. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has searched the town and found a foremast and bowsprit for the Antelope, having received orders for her immediate dispatch to Portsmouth. Repairs of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 14. Portsmouth. 30. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. It is no consolation that the want of men and provisions is as great elsewhere as at Portsmouth. Cannot agree with the old saying that "a general calamity is easy to be borne." Is sorry for the disaster to Sir Jer. Smith's squadron, but "he that playeth often at soldiers must sometimes have a broken pate." Disasters are common to all men; has himself lost 3,000*l.* since May, by the Dutch, the fire, and water, yet is content, knowing that all things work together for the best to them that love and fear their Maker. Does not know why Capt. Grove was dismissed the service, but can well recommend him for employment. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Jan. 14. Portsmouth. 31. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Shall buy the blocks and hemp formerly mentioned. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 14. Towcester. 32. Thos. Whitteare to Serjeant Snape, Oxford. Sent for the men who were abused and stopped in their proceedings of the bonfires by constable Jones; he will plead that he quenched the fire because of two thatched houses, but they say the houses were in no danger. *Encloses,*

32. 1. *Robt. Fyght and 10 others to Serjeant Snape. Testify that on the King's restoration and birthday, Thos. Jones, constable, who was formerly in arms against government,*

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*with his family, watch, &c., quenched the bonfires which they had lighted in rejoicing, beating, abusing, and haling them to the stocks.* *Towcester, Jan.* 14, 1665.

Jan. 14. Plymouth. 33. John Clarke to James Hickes. Is sorry for Mr. Rathbone's negligence in sending letters through London to Oxford: there is neglect elsewhere too, for the mail, which on post days used to come by 6 or 7 a.m., does not reach till 12 or 1. Lord Bath is much displeased at it, the King's affairs both there and in the West being obstructed thereby. He sent Sir John Skelton last week to examine the post label; it was found that the mail was received at Exeter ten hours before it reached Ashburton. Unless there be quicker dispatch, he will complain to Council.

Jan. 14. Naworth. 34. Earl of Carlisle to Lord Arlington. The Commissioners entrusted with the borders of England and Scotland want power to send men convicted or of notorious ill-fame to the plantations, else they will be unable to stop the theft and rapine under which those parts groan. Formerly brought 100 of these rogues to justice in three years, but found sending 30 to the plantations wrought greater effect. The objection of the danger of the precedent, in sending away men of bad fame but not convicted, may be made, but the integrity of the work must justify it, being so much for the public good in an extraordinary case. Begs an order therefor from King or Council, or else a reason why it is not given.

Jan. 15. 35. Sir Robt. Carr to Williamson. Thanks for his favour in granting the request of his wife.

Jan. 15. 36. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Lord Arlington. On report of traitorous practices in Yorkshire, sent to his intelligencers, but can hear of no preparation for a sudden rising, only they hope next summer will produce alterations to their advantage, and they wish well to the King's enemies abroad. The Nonconformists hold their meetings in spite of authority, and are better horsed than the rest. Has sent out his spies to make further discoveries.

Jan. 15. Oxford. Proclamation prohibiting the export of the newly invented frames for knitting silk stockings and other apparel, for encouragement of which in England the King has incorporated a company of framework knitters, but which frame certain aliens are seeking means to export. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 212.]

Jan. 15. Warrant to John Blundell to discharge Captain Godfrey. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 1.]

Jan. 15. Portsmouth. 37. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Portsmouth is behind every other port in the victualling department; asks when Mr. Gauden's contract begins, and whether petty warrant issues are to be accounted part of the declaration; finds the proverb verified that "all beginnings are difficult;" what with the confusion of accounts, delay of victualling officers, and their want of experience, jealousies and calumnies, &c.; thinks no man else would have borne what he has, but will now be able to lay the foundation for future accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 15? 38. Petition of John Burgis to the Navy Comrs., for recommendation to the Duke of Albemarle, to be continued as carpenter of the Forester. [*Adm. Paper.*]

38. I. *Warrant by John Harman, constituting John Burgis carpenter of the Forester, in place of John Bowyer, removed into the Centurion.*
*Revenge, Gottenburg, Nov.* 30, 1665.

38. II. *Certificate by Jonas Shish of the fitness of John Burgis to act as carpenter of the Forester.* *Jan.* 15, 1666.

Jan. 15. Dover. 39. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Begs supplies of money and stores. Has already expended 15*l.* since sending in his accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 15. Royal James. 40. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. The Resolution, St. Andrew, and Unicorn have sailed down as far as the buoy of the Nore, where they wait further orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 15. Woolwich. 41. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The Dunkirk is launched and the Mary Rose docked. Several ships are damaged through the breaking loose of the Marmaduke, owing to the neglect and indiscretion of the boatswain; oak plank is wanted; begs encouragement to the new shipwrights, by payment of their board wages. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Jan. 15. Weymouth. 42. Geo. Pley to Sam. Pepys. Returns the bond in behalf of Thos. Smith, sealed by himself and son; 18 sail of ships, supposed to be Dutch, have passed the port; a victualler, chased by two small Dutch vessels, narrowly escaped breaking on the chalk rocks; has given notice of it to Portsmouth, that some of the frigates may clear the coast; a St. Malo ship, laden with wine and fruit from Malaga, brought into the river of Poole by a privateer, is much embezzled; 20 cartloads of fruit from her were sent to Salisbury; doubtless the next English vessel going to St. Malo will pay for it, the "Malowins" being very revengeful of such wrongs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 15. Victualling Office. 43. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Was not aware of the intention to discharge the Patience upon her return from Quinborough, until she was reladen; she has been employed since April in conveying stores to the fleet. *Annexing,*

43. I. *Memoranda by John Tooker concerning the decease of Adam Smithson, master of the Patience, and subsequent proceedings relative to the vessel.* *Aug.* 5, 1665.

43. II. *Certificate by Wm. Tooker of the dismissal of the Patience.*
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Jan. 15. Norwich. 44. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The Edgars' ship is ready to launch, waiting only the necessary cordage; some money

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would be [most acceptable to them. Asks whether the surveyor will be required any more; some of the Dutch cordage has arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16. Plymouth. 45. Stephen Evans to [the Navy Comrs.]. Has received orders from the Vice-Admiral of Cornwall to stop ships coming to any port within his jurisdiction, having naval stores on board, in order to supply the present great demand; all good subjects ought to assist; can procure quantities of hemp and canvas from Brittany, in exchange for tin; the Ostenders under arrest would be good ships to employ in fetching it, if a convoy be appointed to lie safe about Belle Isle till the business be effected. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16. Oxford. 46. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Is glad of the hint with regard to former practices concerning widows and orphans; sends a warrant for Mr. Clements to be master attendant at Woolwich; a good sum of money is providing for the Navy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16. Portsmouth. 47. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Sends three bills for west country commodities; can provide no more of the same quality at so low a rate, the prices being raised since the stoppage of commerce with France; will supply Noyals and Vittery canvas if any encouragement be given; business is her sole delight in this world, being formerly deprived of her children, and of late her eldest daughter was married and buried in four months; it is a charity to be kept full of employment; asks when she may expect some money for the 14 small bills sent up since September. If her offer is accepted, wishes 20,000*l.* to be assigned her and recorded, as no money is paid but as recorded. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16. Ipswich. 48. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends account of some provisions delivered from the stores, and bills of credit given, which were not entered upon the book, and so omitted in the last account; 81 oxen and 115 hogs have been killed since January 1. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 16. Oxford. Declaration by the King that it is with his consent that Nich. Arthur negotiates with the enemies of the Crown, and that he is to be at all times indemnified and acquitted therefor. [*Ent. Book* 24, *p.* 1.]

Jan. 16. Kensington. 49. Solicitor General Finch to Williamson. Wishes Lord Arlington to be reminded to order remittal of 250*l.* to his brother, [Sir John Finch], at Florence.

Jan. 16. Oxford. 50. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The King consents to the Duke of Albemarle's request for orders to be sent to Sir George Downing to clothe such prisoners in Holland and Zealand as have been taken in the King's service, thereby to encourage seamen to go in the King's service rather than on merchant affairs, and letters are to be written accordingly.

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Jan. 16. Cockpit. 51. Sir Willm. Clarke to Williamson. The burials this week are 335: of the plague 158, being an increase of 69 deaths from plague; the parishes clear are 83, infected 47. Sends a draft of the establishment for Yarmouth fort.

Jan. 16. Westminster. 52. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. The writer's proceedings have done good, and will work their own way; begs still a helping hand from him and his friends. Mr. Muddiman plainly asked a friend to take him to the party named before, that he might offer to carry him intelligence, as he had done to Williamson, and thus help the other Gazette. Has the note on Sir Rob. Vyner, for 100*l*.

Jan. 16. Cockpit. 53. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Has written to Sir Wm. Coventry that the packet boats be not stopped, as they have not been since the embargo began. Thinks that a serjeant, gunner, and two files of soldiers should be sent to Lord Townsend for Yarmouth, and paid out of the remainder of the militia money. Sends a letter from Foreman, in Holland, to Stainard, at Ipswich, who did not discover it to any magistrate. Foreman belongs to St. John in Holland, and has often been employed by him into England.

Jan. 16. Oxford. Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, on the petition of Capt. Green for a few decayed trees in Birkland and Bilhay Woods, Sherwood Forest, ordering that he have not more than 20 of such as are not proper for ship timber, with ground whereon to build a small house. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 195.]

Jan. 17. Oxford. Reference to the Board of Greencloth on the petition of Edw. Wood, Rich. Osborne, Dan. Mead, and George Slaughter, gentleman ushers daily waiters to the Queen, for restoration of their former allowance of 20*s.* a day amongst them, which is now reduced to 12*s.* [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 195.]

Jan. 17. London. 54. James Hickes to Williamson. Will take all possible care for transmitting the King's letters, if the sickness interrupts. Mr. Read of the foreign [post] office cannot account for the obstruction of the letters, unless they are robbed in Italy, as they often are, or obstructed by snow in passing the Alps. Has refused to take up Muddiman's correspondents, and will return his packets, if sent, unmeddled with.

Jan. 17. 55. Bond of Henry Sharp, of Reading, and two others in 500*l* for his good behaviour, not countenancing anything to the disturbance of government, nor frequenting unlawful assemblies, and for his appearing before a Secretary of State when required.

Jan. 17. 56. Certificate by Rich. Braham and Fras. Ridley that the said Hen. Sharp and his securities have signed and delivered the said bond and taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

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Jan. 17. Oxford. 57. The King to the Earl of Bridgewater, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. Ordered on 4th May last the levying of the militia tax within his lieutenancy, the money to be paid to the Governor of Windsor Castle before 25th June following: finding that the money has not been so paid, requires that it be sent in immediately and an account transmitted to the Secretary of State. [*Date altered from Jan.* 13 *to Jan.* 17, 2 *pages.*]

Jan. Entry of the above, dated Jan. 13. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 195.]

[Jan. 17.] 58. Draft of the above.

Jan. 17. The King to Lord Treas. Southampton. Lord Byron wishing to be admitted sole buyer of lops and tops and other refuse wood, useless for the navy, felled in Birklane and Bilhay stayes, Sherwood Forest, being near to where he is now making a great fall of his own wood, the timber of which is sold for the navy, the said refuse wood is to be sold to him, at the best price received for such wood in that forest since the Restoration. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 166.]

Jan. 17. Warrant for Anthony Shirley to be Baronet of Preston, co. Sussex. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 5.]

Jan. 17. Oxford. Proclamation for further proroguing Parliament from 20th Feb. to 23rd April. [*Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 213.]

Jan. 17. Boston. 59. Dan. Rhodes to Sir. Wm. Coventry. Has received orders to impress shipwrights in Boston. Finds that no ship has been built there for the last 20 years; there is but one artist in the town, and he has had no employment for 10 years past. Can procure some boatwrights, but dares not impress them without further orders, knowing them to be altogether unfit for works on the King's ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. The Sweepstakes, Yarmouth. 60. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. The Edgars affirm that it is not in their contract to provide a chain pump for the new ship. Has engaged with the braziers to fit up the furnace. Dead eyes are wanted for the chain, and ropes for the launch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. Edwinstow. 61. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Is inconvenienced for want of a vessel to carry away the timber lying at Stockwith. Mr. Lester is very angry that his wharf is not cleared. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. Cockpit. 62. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Has referred Capt. Berry to him about removing men from the Swallow ketch to the Little Mary, and about victualling and other necessaries. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 17. Woolwich. 63. Chris. Pett, master shipwright, to the Navy Comrs. Requests a bill of imprest for 8*l.* or 10*l.* to Dan. Hook, for procuring shipwrights and calkers in the river. Particulars of ships in dock. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 17. 64. Certificate by Capt. Wm. Kempthorne, of free gift and other money due to Thos. Green, master surgeon of the Martin. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. Victualling Office. 65. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Hopes to have no occasion to use the Flemish hops. There will be sufficient English, which are esteemed far better for the preservation of beer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. Woolwich. 66. Peter Russell and John Clothier to the Navy Comrs. The hemp of Mr. Mould's is Flanders hemp. Advise its being sent, if bought, to Chatham or Portsmouth, as the stores at Woolwich are already clogged. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. Portsmouth. 67. St. John Steventon to Sam. Pepys. Sends a blank bill of imprest, to be filled up according to the present occasion. There is 135*l.* due for broom, ballast, and candles, 400*l.* to shipwrights, and the wages of 124 men at 5*s.* a week are 31*l.* weekly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. Dover. 68. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. There is a vessel brought into harbour by a privateer, laden with pitch, tar, and boards. Asks whether the goods are to be taken up for the King's service, and what is the price current of pitch and tar in London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. Cockpit. 69. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Sir Wm. Rider's foreign iron, to the value of 5,000*l.*, is to be bought; he will take the credit of the Act for it. Wm. Strihley is to be appointed master of the Elizabeth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. Cockpit. 70. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Can say nothing about the saltpetre till Sir John Duncombe comes to town. Will speak to Sir George Downing about clothes for the prisoners in Holland. As the States of Zealand have released all their English prisoners, an equal number from that province should be released; and as it shows more affection to the King and Prince of Orange, the other Zealanders, being but few, might be released on ransom. Thinks the fewer protections are given to Mr. Temple, the less will be the danger of being cheated at sea.

Jan. 18. 71. Certificate by Thos Perringe to the Navy Comrs., that surveys are needed for two ships, one building at Blackwall by Mr. Johnson, and the other at Deptford by Mr. Castell. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 18. Covent Garden. 72. Lord Brouncker to Williamson. Returns a paper sent by mistake without Lord Arlington's hand to it. With postscript from Capt. George Cock, entreating Williamson to write to him.

Jan. 18. Oxford. 73. Warrant to the Commissary General of Musters and the Muster Masters, to take strict care in mustering the Guards; to allow no officers to be absent without a pass from the commander-in-chief; to pass no officers' servants except according to rules, and to admit no soldiers without warrant from the commander-in-chief,

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but such as do constant duty. If any appear who are suspicious, they are to be respited till the truth of their condition is ascertained.

1666? [Jan.] 18. 74. Earl of Lauderdale to Williamson. Never saw that nor any other letter of Lord Arlington's. Would never be willingly guilty of such a barbarity, but searched his pockets lest he might have taken it by mistake. Had he found it, would have returned it without reading a word.

1666. Jan. 18. Syon Hill. 75. Thos. Povey to [Williamson]. Wants the first news of Sir Jeremy Smith's being safe at Tangiers with the rest of the ships. Williamson's 200*l.* is in his bank at Sir Robt. Vyner's. Will pay Sir G. Downing's money as soon as possible. Has come from melancholy London and the more desolate suburbs. Hopes the sharp weather will check the infection, but the bells are busy, and it breaks out afresh at Brentford, Isleworth, and other little towns about. Has given directions at Lord Arlington's house for his lordship's reception there.

Jan. 18. Cockpit. 76. Sir William Clarke to Williamson. Sends a bill of mortality. The Kings of Sweden and Denmark, Duke of Brandenburg, and Bishop of Cologne are resolved to join with the Bishop of Munster.

Jan. 18. Victualling Office. 77. Certificate by Thos. Lewis of accounts cleared at the Victualing Office by Robt. Martin, master of the Owners' Desire. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 19. 78. Captains John Kempthorne and John Hayward to [Pepys] Request that John Daniell, a bred seaman, may be recommended to the Duke of Albemarle or Sir Wm. Coventry, for a lieutenancy in some of the great ships in the next expedition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 19. Plymouth. 79. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Repair of the Antelope; is much hindered in the works by the number of carpenters impressed by the Mayor to send to Portsmouth; requests a warrant to the justices to put a stop to this; arrival and departure of ships. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Jan. 19. Chatham. 80. Com. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Will hasten the Gottenburg ships into the river as soon as unladen; the shipwrights and ropemakers begin to clamour for their board wages; begs an answer to Mr. Gregory's demand for 10*l.* imprest charged upon Capt. Ben. Young. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

80. 1. *Edw. Gregory, sen., to Comr. Peter Pett. Capt. Ben. Young, after receiving a bill for his services in full, refuses to return the* 10*l. lent towards impressing men at Milton and Faversham; desires that a letter may be written to the Navy Comrs. about it. Chatham, Jan.* 19, 1666.

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Jan. 20. Chatham. 81. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The seamen turned over from the Paradox to the Royal Charles demand conduct money; begs consideration for Mr. Charles, the cooper, who has nearly 500*l.* due to him; if assured of a supply of hemp as fast as it can be worked, advises putting the ropemakers to their old task of two days in one; knees are wanted to complete the Victory. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. Aldborough. 82. Thos. Lewsley to the Navy Comrs. Has ridden through Suffolk in search of plank suitable for the navy, but found little; particulars of the proposal of Francis Robinson, of Heningham Hall, to supply 500 loads at 3*l.* 10*s.* per load; he demands 500*l.* imprest in hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. Deptford. 83. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Has sent a man to show the messenger where the eight pressed men live; list of their names and dwelling places. Asks whether a tide a day may be allowed to thirty men for six days, to finish off the work under water. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. Surgeons' Hall. 84. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Paul Bush, surgeon [of the Hind], is detained at Plymouth in the Crown, beaten in by a storm; his wife has applied for his money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. Navy Office, London. 85. Order by the Navy Comrs. to Hugh Salisbury, collector of customs at Portsmouth, for the passing of certain goods named, brought on shore from the St. John the Baptist of Hamburg. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. 86. Petition of Edw. Gosling of the St. Jacob, and Thos. Craft, of the Kingfisher, to the Navy Comrs., for an order to receive out of money at Portsmouth that is to be returned to the chest at Chatham, 100*l.* each, in part of the freight of masts brought by them from Gottenburg into the stores at Portsmouth. With order thereon by the Commissioners that the chest money is not at their disposal. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. Portsmouth. 87. John Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. A few more shipwrights have appeared; the whole number amounts now to 39. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 20. Cockpit. 88. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Approves the resolution about Foreman. The increase of plague will only be for a while, as company flocks in. Letters should be written to Lord Craven, the Lord Mayor, and Sir John Robinson, to direct the justices of peace to be very strict in shutting up houses. Lord Craven is very diligent, and that should be noticed in the letter to him. Were it not for the probates of wills, constables should see the goods in houses well aired before they are disposed of; that has increased the sickness as much as anything. Sir G. Carteret is wanted in town to pay the seamen. Lieut.-Col. Williams *alias* Cromwell, who laid down his Holland commission, should have 500*l.* given as promised him. [*Damaged.*]

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Jan. 20. Westminster. 89. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. Thanks for his help in advancing the credit of the Act by the limits in his letter of news; wants to be helped to some who will lend. Would try to cry up the Gazette, but nothing can be added to its reputation. Dorislaus is the man who collects poems and other news books, and truly they print things that might very well lie asleep.

Jan. 20. Oxford. Proclamation declaring the price of wines, as fixed by the Lord Chancellor and others, for the present year. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., pp.* 214–5.]

Jan. 20. London. 90. James Hickes to Williamson. Sir Phil. Frowde and his lady have come to Sir John Jacob's at Bromley by Bow. Is trying to engage all correspondents to write constantly, whether they have news or not, as the want of letters causes fears of their death. Has the same resolution about Muddiman, but always treats him with respect. He has few correspondents except for his own advantage, and writes bombast; thinks he keeps most of his news to make up his own letters. Unless his services be very ample, it is not to the King's interest to pass his letters free, to the value of 400*l.* a year. Mr. Sawtell cries him up as author of the Gazette. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 21. 91. Thos Povey to [Williamson]. Particulars of transmission of letters; sends one for the Queen's confessor. [*Damaged.*]

Jan. 21. 92. Envelope directed to Sir Wm. Coventry; with request from Thos. Jones to Mr. Lloyd to forward it with all speed, being of great concernment for His Majesty. Endorsed "Negligence of the posts."

Jan. 21. Reading. 93. Dr. P. Mews to Williamson. The infection broke out at Reading a fortnight since in two places, and great danger was apprehended; but the infected families being removed, and those suspected secured, not one person has died in the town for more than a week.

Jan. 21. Warrant for Edward Backwell to be a baronet. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 5.]

Jan. 21. Oxford. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth for payment of board wages to the servants above stairs of the Queen, in lieu of their diet from September 1664 to 1665; also to Thos. Chiffinch, keeper of the King's cabinet, and Fras. Rogers, keeper of his standing wardrobe, from September 1663 to 1664. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 49.]

Jan. 21. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 6.]

Jan. 21. Portsmouth. 94. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sir Wm. Batten. Asks directions concerning the prize ship brought in by Capt. Robinson; is ordered by the Duke of Albemarle to fit up the Lizard for Barbadoes; will not dispute orders, but thinks it would be far better to take out her materials and burn her; she sails badly, can only take in six weeks' provisions at a time, and her guns are within 18 inches of the water; pities the poor captain, who says he can never speak with any ship

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he meets, they all run from him; Madam Pley desires a speedy answer about her French commodities; the Friezland flyboat is unladen; black oakum is wanted. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages*.]

Jan. 21. Portsmouth. 95. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Has at last got the foundation of a future account finished; promises a constant report of the transactions and alterations in the victualling stores at that port. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 22. Surgeons' Hall. 96. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Chandler was appointed surgeon of the Revenge, but afterwards removed into the Resolution, and Robt. Pearce put in his place; requests an alteration of their bills. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 22. The Paul, Downs. 97. Capt. Peter Foote to the Navy Comrs. Begs for two 12-inch cables, in lieu of those let slip off the Goodwin Sands. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 22. Chatham. 98. Edw. Gregory to Sam. Pepys. Judge-Advocate Fowler is not yet arrived; requests payment of 150*l.* to the wife of Mr. Perry, and a speedy supply of money for entering pressed men; 700*l.* is due upon arrears of board wages. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 22. Dover. 99. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has followed Mr. Wivell's plan of victualling ships in harbour, whereby many have lost their opportunity of getting out for a week together; there was difficulty in getting out the Norwich when heavily laden with provisions; cannot sail ships out of the harbour in winter time, and dares not warp them out; the saving of about 30lbs. of freight in victuals may lose a spring tide, and overcharge the ship; particulars of stores received; requests payment of his arrears. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages*.]

Jan. 22. 100. Certificate by Capt. Robt. Robinson, of the appointment of Thos. Jagger to be surgeon of the War-spite. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 22. Oxford. 101. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Milford is to be fitted up with all expedition; the King is still resolved to be at Hampton Court on Saturday next; requests that all things necessary to be propounded and settled in his presence may be duly considered. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 22. Cockpit. 102. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Requests an account of ships in the river, when they will be fitted, and the number of men on board, to lay before the King and Duke of York at Hampton Court. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Jan. 22. Ipswich. 103. Bailiffs and Recorder of Ipswich to the Duke of Albemarle. Forward letters of dangerous consequence. Mr. Stannard brought the letter directed to him to Mr. Firman, uncle of Robt. Foreman, who opened it, and said it must be shown to the bailiffs: Stannard pretends to have lost the letter enclosing the other; those to Mr. Priestwood, postmaster of the town, were produced by him on his examination. *Enclose*,

103. I. *Robt. Foreman to Mr. Stannard. Has arrived at Rotterdam, and received thanks and reward; will soon be sent*

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*over, but will not stay at Ipswich for fear of discovery; asks Stannard to find him a convenient place of abode, and to send him the names of the ships bound for the Straits, and of those in Harwich, and news of the Hamburg fleet, &c.; also if Monk goes to sea, if the seamen are well affected and paid, &c. Very great preparations are making in Holland, and 200 sail will be ready in March. The French will now be glad of assistance, and have taken some English merchantmen.*
*Rotterdam, December* 7, 1665.

103. II. *James Hickes to Mr. Priestwood. Begs him to deliver with his own hand the enclosed to Sam. Stannard, or if he live not in that town, to send word where he is. It comes from a special friend, who must be assured of its safe delivery, or have it returned; if Stannard is in the town, nothing is to be said to him on its delivery.*
*Letter Office, January* 9, 1666.

103. III. *James Hickes to Mr. Priestwood. Thanks him for delivering the letter to Sam. Stannard; requests secrecy as to the writer's having recommended it, and begs that any letters from Stannard may be enclosed to the writer, to convey according to his friends' desires.*
*London, January* 13, 1666.

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Jan. 23. Cockpit.

1. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Is glad the King is coming to Hampton Court; more dispatch can be made in one sitting than by 20 letters. There is no occasion to stay ships going for France; the embargo in both countries has been so long known that it has prevented ships coming or going; will give notice however to the merchants. Has appointed two companies of Col. Russell's foot guards, and the troop under his own command to march to Hampton Court. Sends the list of names, with a new list.

Jan. 23. Towcester.

2. Certificate by John Henley, minister, and eight other inhabitants of Towcester, that on the 29th May, a bonfire on the Restoration was kindled in a very dangerous place, near a thatched house, and on complaint of some of the inhabitants, Thos. Jones, constable, and others ordered it to be put out by not laying any more wood, and told the people, if they wanted a bonfire, to have it in the usual place: this was done from care of the place, not disaffection, Jones being a loyal subject and always ready to serve His Majesty. [*Signed.*]

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Jan. 23. Grant to Thomas and Rob. Killigrew, sons of Thos. Killigrew, groom of the bedchamber, in reversion after John Thorpe, of the keepership of the Thames, between Staines Bridge and the head of the river. [*Latin. Case C., Charles II., No.* 1.]

Jan. 23. Newcastle. 3. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. The place continues healthy. The London ships will not stir without a convoy, which it is hoped will come with the fleet. The 100 carpenters ordered are setting out for Harwich.

Jan. 23. London. 4. James Hickes to Williamson. Begs return to Sir John Temple, of Dublin, of a letter mis-sent to Williamson. Has ordered all letters to be sent by London, excepting those from the west, which are to go by Hounslow during the King's stay at Hampton Court. The wife of Hodgkins the printer says when the King arrives thither, there will be no more Gazettes. Sir Phil. Frowde has returned to his old lodgings, and is preparing for his family.

Jan. 23. 5. J. North, [of Doncaster], to his son, Fras. North. Feared he was dead, not hearing from him since June last. Hears that he is free from sea service and has some employment in London. Will try to procure him employment with Lord North, and cautions him against keeping company with seamen, lest he be caught again as a common person, to serve as a slave. Family news.

Jan. 23. Cambridge. 6. Dr. Fras. Wilford, vice-chancellor of Cambridge, to the Earl of Manchester, lord chancellor. The University and town thank him for his liberal supply and the hope of additional help. The town being relieved, the University is ready to beg for help, for they dare not call home their company, by reason of the sickness. The day approaches for those who are to commence bachelors to do many things in order to their degrees, which the statute has no provision for their deferring. Begs a letter from the King, empowering them now, and on any future like occasion, to choose such times as may be of no disadvantage to the University.

Jan. 23. Warrant for Dr. Robert Price, Bishop of Ferns and Leighlin to be Bishop of Bangor. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 6.]

Jan. 23. Warrant to the Commissioners of Ordnance to deliver on board a frigate from the Tower, for the Commissioner of Scotland, 4,000 muskets, 2,000 pikes, and 300 barrels of powder, to be paid for by that kingdom at the usual prices. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 6.]

Jan. 23. The Baltimore, Harwich. 7. Capt. Lawrence Wright to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived in Hozeley Bay, with a dogger laden with fish, taken upon the coast of Holland. Requests orders for a supply of provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 23. The Dover, Spithead. 8. Capt. Jeffery Pierce to Sam. Pepys. Sends Wm. Berry's ticket by the purser of the Royal Charles; fears it might miscarry by post. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 23. Plymouth. 9. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of ships. Small cordage wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 23. Plymouth. 10. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Has six tuns of train oil offered for 36*l.* per tun. A Genoese prize ship in port has a quantity of foreign oil, but she is ordered for London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 23. Deptford. 11. Thos. Cowley to Thos. Hayter. Asks directions about entering men on the ships fitting out for sea, and whether the East India prize may take in two or three ships' companies for victualling and lodging, so as to free the yard in these unhealthful times. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 23. Portsmouth. 12. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Recommends Jeremy Wilson as a ship commander. A boatswain and carpenter also will be wanted. The plague is in the Essex. Eight men are dead. Noted "brimstone burn and change ballast." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 23. 13. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Intends launching the Seven Oaks. Repairs of ships. The want of seamen is a great hindrance. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 23. Woolwich. 14. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Thos. Busbidge as carpenter of the Hound. The clerk of the cheque wishes an order for the allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* per day to certain shipwrights. Knees, standards, and small masts wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

14. I. *List of 12 shipwrights and calkers pressed that have not appeared.*

Jan. 23. The Dunkirk. 15. Certificate, by Capt. John Hayward, of the mistake whereby Wm. Boulton and Rich. Hoyle, after being set on shore sick, were made run on the sea book, when they were really in the King's service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 24. Cockpit. 16. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. Recommends John Treleagne as gunner in any ship. [*Adm Paper.*]

Jan. 24. Chatham. 17. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Refers to a former account concerning the time intended for clearing all the ships in the river. Particulars of ships in dock. Reed, broom, plank, and knees wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 24. 18. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Has received no warrant for the launching of the Seven Oaks and Black Spread Eagle, nor for the docking of the Phœnix and Paradox. The spring tides are at hand, so that the opportunity of one day must not be lost. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 24. Dover. 19. Thomas White to the Navy Comrs. The Roe ketch is ready for victualling. Asks whether the pitch and tar formerly written about are to be accepted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 24. 20. Chris. Pett and five other Shipwrights to the Navy Comrs. Survey of the new ships building by Mr. Johnson, at Blackwall, and Mr. Castell, at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 24. London. 21. Thomas Kendall to Lord Arlington. Sends a letter from Sir Thos. Modyford. Two men-of-war are about to sail for Barbadoes, by which replies may be sent, as on account of the embargo, no ships are likely to go to Jamaica.

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Jan.? 22. Complaint [addressed by the Earl of Sandwich to Lord Arlington] on some words in a late privy seal, as offensive to him and others, by speaking of prize goods as embezzled which were distributed by the King's approval to flag officers, with a proportion as particular bounty to himself and Sir Wm. Penn. Capt. Cock is said to have bought 12,000*l.* worth from the Earl, whereas all he sold was under 5,600*l.*; the 13 bales of silk mentioned in the privy seal are a false slander, as six were bought of Sir Wm. Penn. Goods not seized are sworn to by one single person, to the injury of the reputations of several captains, those goods between decks being also lawful prize to seamen and officers; has not got 100*l.* himself, more than mentioned in the privy seal. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan.? 23. Observations by [Lord Arlington] on the pretended embezzlement of the prizes; that the King gave something to the Earl of Sandwich and Sir Wm. Penn, beside what was divided among the flag officers; the Earl is reported to have received 12,000*l.* for some of his commodities, when for all he only got 4,000*l.*; those sent to his house were repeated three times in the paper and the quantities mis-stated. The goods said to be seized might be only taken out of the ships as the lawful plunder of seamen, &c.; the privy seal avows 2,000*l.* as the division between the Earl and Sir Wm. Penn.

Jan. 24. Oxford. Order for a warrant to the Officers of Exchequer, of Customs, and of Prizes to discharge Edward Earl of Sandwich and the flag officers of the fleet from all inconveniences, fines, forfeitures, &c., upon certain goods taken from the two East India prizes Slothany and Phœnix, the said goods having been bestowed upon them by the King to encourage them in their services, on their proving that the goods are parcel of the said grant, and paying customs for the same. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 7–9.] *Annexing,*

1. *Schedule of goods from the East India prizes granted respectively to the Earl of Sandwich, Sir Wm. Penn, Sir Chris. Mings, Sir George Askew, Sir Wm. Berkeley, Capt. Harman, Sir Thos. Teddeman, Sir Jos. Jordan, Sir Edw. Spragg, Sir Thos. Allin, and Sir Jeremiah Smith.* [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 13.]

Jan. 24. Docquet of the preceding warrant.

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Jan. 24. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth for payment of arrears of board wages due from 30th Sept. 1663 to Donna Helena, dresser and bedchamber woman to the Queen, to be paid from the 100,000*l.* allowed for the King's household. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 9.]

Jan. 24. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow to the Queen's confessor, hiscompanion, and one lay brother, 12*s.* a day, from Sept. 1663 to 1664, in lieu of diet. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 10.]

Jan. 25. Oxford. 24. The King to the Earl of Oxford, Lord Lieutenant, or the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex. Having received intelligence of a threatened invasion, wishes him to draw together the militia of Essex, and place them on guard near such ports as are most convenient for the landing of troops. Also, to have the beacons well repaired, and constantly watched, to be fired if occasion requires.

Jan 25. Warrant to Dr. Jenkins, judge of the Admiralty Court, to remove the said court to Doctors' Commons, to be held henceforth in the Common Hall. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 11.]

Jan. 25. Portsmouth. 25. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Since September last, has sent in 14 bills for west country goods, amounting to 2,100*l.*; begs on her knees that 500*l.* of it may be paid, to supply present necessaries, and stop the mouths of the poor men in her employ. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 25. 26. John Ruffhead, smith, to the Navy Comrs. Cannot complete the works of the Victory and other ships without a supply of Spanish iron; requests a bill of imprest for 400*l.* to procure some. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 25. Ipswich. 27. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Account of victuals supplied to the Norwich and Plymouth. Part of the coopers' new workhouse was blown down in the late storm. Asks what is to be done in the case of ships which have not victualled since Jan. 1, and are unacquainted with the Duke of York's orders. A vessel has arrived from Newcastle, with 70 weys of white salt. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 26. Chatham. 28. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. List of eight ships ready for victualling. Press warrants are wanted, and smacks to send abroad for pressing men. Can hardly persuade the shipwrights to continue their employment without payment of their wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26. Whitebooth. 29. Capt. Fras. Steward to the Navy Comrs. Account of the Sancta Maria's proceeding as convoy; is ordered by the Duke of Albemarle to convoy several Hull ships into the Thames, but is detained by contrary winds. [*Adm. Paper,* 2 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

29. 1. *List of* 13 *ships destined for London from the north, with their several ladings, masters' names, &c.*

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Jan. 26. Plymouth. 30. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Capt Lock of the Black Cock says he cannot deliver his large masts without unloading the others; will send a shipwright to see how they lie. The Sorlings and Expedition are in port, the latter damaged by the wind. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26. Deptford. 31. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. List of 10 ships now in hand; cannot give the speedy dispatch required without men. Requests a warrant for pressing 20 calkers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26. Chatham. 32. Thos. Lewsley to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Munday promises to send in 60 loads of plank in 14 days. Mr. Robinson will not deliver his without the imprest of 500*l.*; can obtain none other without ready money, as the proprietors can vend it at Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26. Deptford. 33. Account of eight ships in dock at Deptford and nine at Woolwich, and their condition; Jan. 25 and 26. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 26. Cockpit. 34. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. It will be too late now to order Sir Henry Jones's troop from Chichester, but has ordered some horse to wait on the King at Maidenhead on Saturday morning, and Sir Phil. Frowde's troop at Hampton Court, which troop is free from any sickness; also four companies of foot are appointed to attend His Majesty.

Jan. 26. London. 35. Jo. Corrance to Edw. Viscount Conway, Ragley Castle. Private affairs.

Jan. 26. Warrant to a messenger to apprehend Giles Lidcott, and keep him in safe custody. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 12.]

Jan. 27. 36. Advices received; viz. from Falmouth, Plymouth, Kinsale, Harwich, and Newcastle, relative to the arrival and departure of ships, damage done by a storm, &c., Jan. 16–25; also from

Portsmouth, Jan. 25: Sir Wm. Penn came last night, and the ships are in good condition, notwithstanding the storms.

Coventry, Jan. 24: The steeple of Trinity Church, Coventry, is blown down.

Isle of Wight Jan. 24: Violent storms have shattered some of the frigates; the Dutch are believed to have returned into harbour again, and one of their ships and two Ostenders have been brought into Portsmouth. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 27. Cockpit. 37. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs All ships in the river, not appointed for particular service, are to be sent into the Downs, to observe orders from Sir Chris. Mings. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 27. Deptford. 38. Report by Thos. Cowley of the number of men mustered on board 13 ships named, now at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 27. Woolwich. 39. Report by Wm. Sheldon of the number of men on board 14 ships named, now at Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 27. Dover. 40. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Asks directions concerning stores of tar, hemp, and cordage brought into port, and a letter of credit for the Customs; Mr. Wivell delays to victual the Roe ketch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 27. Chatham. 41. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Has been much hindered by stormsand want of tides in clearing the great ships; the Rainbow, Vanguard, and Matthias have sailed; broom and reed wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 27. The Oxford, Spithead. 42. John Street, purser of the Oxford, to the Navy Comrs. Sends nine tickets for men discharged from the Oxford; did not make them out before, because they were never demanded. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 27. Deptford. 43. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. The Loyal London will be ready to launch in May, but if extra hands be put on, she may be ready in April. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 27. The Monk, near Orfordness. 44. Roger Thompson, master of the Monk, to Sam. Pepys. Account of his voyage as one of the squadron of 10 ships appointed to convoy ships to Hamburg, to which five Hull ships were added; they left the Humber Jan. 3, reached Heligoland the 14th, sailed again the 18th, and arrived the 27th. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Jan. 27. Woolwich. 45. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Explains his conduct about the mainmast of the Royal Katherine; thought that his brother Comr. Pett's order would have been sufficient, and therefore did not trouble the board; fears the carpenters will refuse to work at 12*d.* per day. The foreign shipwrights beg payment of their board wages; the very name of it will gain them credit in the town, and induce others to come; the tide is too low to launch the Dreadnought. Gottenburg masts wanted. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Jan. 27. Ipswich. 46. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Hears from Squire Gauden's agent that they have no flesh under contract; all is bought from different persons in the country and adjacent towns; if more be required than can be made ready within a certain time, it is procured from Hull, Newcastle, Yarmouth, and other places; there is great want of fish; the Little Victory is in Harwich Water, the Monk in Hozeley Bay.

Jan. 27. 47. Petition of John Hunt to the Navy Comrs., for recommendation to the Duke of Albemarle for the boatswain's place in the Mary Rose. With note of recommendation from Sir Wm. Batten to the Duke of Albemarle. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

47. I. *Certificate by Capt. Wm. Badiley, and nine others, of the fitness of John Hunt to serve as boatswain or gunner.*

Jan. 28. The Elizabeth, Portsmouth. 48. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sam. Pepys. Requests that Fras. Martin may be appointed as his master, in case Mr. Stribley disappoints him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 28? 49. Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Finds a difficulty in procuring men for the squadron. Begs that water vessels, clothes,

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and pilots may be hastened down. Lord Fanshaw's corpse has arrived from Calais. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 28. Portsmouth. 50. Col. Bullen Reymes to the Navy Comrs. Will have the desired account drawn out and sent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 28. Hampton Court. Warrant for confirmation of an agreement between the Lord Treasurer, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir John Wintour, secretary to the Queen-Mother, whereby 10,000 acres of waste land in the Forest of Dean are set aside as a nursery for the future growth of ship timber. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 39.]

Jan. 28. 51. Copy of the above.

Jan. 29. Naworth. 52. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Gives an account of the arms wanting for the trained bands. Some of the Northern Moss troopers are trying to procure the King's pardon for felonies committed since the Act of Oblivion. Begs a caveat that no such thing may pass the office without his knowledge.

Jan. 29. Oxford. 53. Sir Jo. Sayer to Lord [Arlington]. Intended to wait on him at Hampton Court, but is ordered by the Duke [of Albemarle] to Portsmouth. All his Holland letters are to be sent to Mr. Williamson and opened by him. Will be ready to go to Dover or elsewhere to receive Mdlle. Be[verwaert]; Lady Knatchbull, or Lady Godfrey, near Canterbury, will think themselves honoured to lodge her, so she need lie in no tavern. Will come to Court when he knows what is become of the Frenchmen that are shipped. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 29. Dover. 54. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Begs that the accounts may be signed and money paid. The Lubeck ship sent in by the Norwich, pretending to be laden with barley, is found to contain deals, cordage, and other naval provisions. Requests orders to the Commissioners of the Prize Office to allow him to receive the same. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 29. Chatham Ropeyard. 55. John Owen to the Navy Comrs. Has only received 80*l.* from the bill of imprest of 150*l.* sent up by Thos. Woodcott, messenger of the yard, who pretends that Ant. Stephens has stopped 50*l.* Begs that some course may be taken to call Woodcott to account. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

55. I. *John Owen to Anthony Stephens. Asks on what score* 50*l. has been stopped out of the imprest of* 150*l., according to the information of Thos. Woodcott.*
*Chatham Ropeyard, January* 22, 1665.

55. II. *Anthony Stephens to John Owen. Is surprised at his letter. Paid the whole imprest, having no reason to detain any part of it.* *London, January* 25, 1665.

Jan. 29. Yarmouth. 56. Capt. Francis Saunders, of the Sweepstakes, to the Navy Comrs. The carpenters dare not undertake to make chain pumps. His furnaces and coppers will soon be fitted, and the ship ready to go to sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 29. Norwich. 57. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Will not proceed about the cordage until further orders. The contagion is much abated. Capt. Saunders wants blocks, chain pumps, &c. Requests the payment of the Edgars' bills. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 29. Bristol. 58. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. The Milford shall be repaired on arrival. Has news of the George being cast away in a storm; all the men were saved. The captain of the Pearl complains of the defective state of the ship; many of her men are put ashore with fever and smallpox; is hourly troubled by their relatives for money to support them during sickness; begs a remittance for that purpose. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 29. The Golden Hand, Harwich Water. 59. Hab. Wiles to the Navy Comrs. Was damaged in a storm. Needs repairs and a supply of cordage. Is ordered to wait for convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30. 60. Certificate by Matthew Hayden, that the ship Owners' Desire was taken up as a victualling ship. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

60. I. *Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Has measured the Owners' Desire according to order. September* 21, 1665.

Jan. 30. 61. Certificate by James Hayden of the measurement of the Adventure, 90 or 100 tons burthen. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

61. I. *Bill of lading of the Adventure of Scarborough, hired by Denis Gauden to convey provisions to the fleet.* [*Printed form.*] *Portsmouth, April* 8, 1665.

61. II. *Account by Thos. Lewis of the dimensions of the Adventure galliot: length,* 71 *feet by* 17 *feet.* *June* 9, 1665.

61. III. *Certificate by John Tooker of the discharge of the Adventure. September* 20, 1665.

61. IV. *Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. The Board approved of the Adventure as a victualling ship, and hired her in April last by the month upon the same terms as other vessels.* *December* 19, 1665.

61. V. *Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Sage Lawson, master of the Adventure galliot, has cleared his accounts for victualling. Victualling Office, January* 19, 1666.

Jan. 30. Plymouth. 62. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Adventure put in yesterday for repairs. Capt. Lock is hauled aboard the Hulk, to take out the six masts Sends an abstract of disbursements for eight ships; total, 349*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30. Dover. 63. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has furnished the John and Thomas with the last 14 inch cables in store. Wants a fresh supply. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jan. 30. The Monk, Hozeley Bay. 64. Roger Thompson to Sam. Pepys. Has been safely moored in Hozeley Bay since the 28th, with the Amity, Breda, and Gift. The Plymouth has been chased by 16 sail of Hollanders. Is anxious to get into the Rolling Grounds for safety, lest they should appear again. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30. Chatham Dock. 65. Phin. Pett to [Sam. Pepys]. Considers Thos. Staines's raking globe lanterns to be worth from 15*l.* to 37*l.* each. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 30. 66. Dean Guy Carleton to Williamson. The Commissioners sent a writ to the Bishop of Durham's office, but the under sheriff, Ant. Pease, refused to return a jury, lest the Bishop might be concerned in it, and said he had the Bishop's command and must not disobey him. If this second affront to the King's Commissioners be allowed, the people will think that the King's authority must submit to that of the county palatine of Durham. The Commissioners ask whether depositions taken by them will not be as effectual. The fanatics keep up their meetings, and look on these calamitous times as the fittest season for their rebellion. They place great confidence in their Dutch friends. There are two houses shut up in Newcastle and two in Gateshead. Care is taken to send the persons to lodgings in the fields, to prevent the spreading of the infection.

Jan. 30. Yarmouth. 67. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Duke of Albemarle gave a commission to Capt. Clifton to seize all goods embezzled from prize ships, promising him half of what was seized. Col. Warcup got a patent to reap the benefit of embezzled goods, though Capt. Clifton was the only instrument, and could have done nothing without the writer, who helped him, thinking him Lord Arlington's servant Wishes leave to discover 2,000*l.* worth, after others have used their industry. *Encloses,*

67. I. *Inventory by Godfrey Hembling of sugars, tobacco, &c. embezzled out of the ships.* [*Copy.*] *Jan.* 22, 1666.

67. II. *Account of goods taken from the prizes by Isaac Hardingham, by orders of Godfrey Hembling.* [*Copy, 2 pages.*] *Jan.* 23, 1666.

67. III. *Account of goods taken out of the prizes by Theodore Ferrer.* [*Copy.*] *Jan.* 23, 1666.

67. IV. *Information of Isaac Hardingham, of Yarmouth. At request of Godfrey Hembling, servant to Sir Thos. Meadowes, helped to take some sugar, tobacco, &c., from the prize ship Charity. Particulars of the embezzlement and disposal thereof. Was paid for his assistance by Rob. Cullyer of Yarmouth. Part of the goods were seized by the Duke of Albemarle's officers.* *Jan.* 30, 1666.

67. V. *Information of Theodore Ferrer, of Yarmouth, to similar purport. Hembling said he would have half the goods taken out of the prizes, because having charge of all, he was to make satisfaction for embezzlements, if discovered.* *Jan.* 30, 1666.

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67. VI. *Information of William Smith, labourer of Yarmouth, relative to his carting the said goods. He heard Hembling tell the watchman on board the Charity prize that they might do as they would, so that he might have his share. Jan. 30, 1666.*

Jan. 30. Haigh. 68. Sir Roger Bradshaigh to Williamson. Thanks for his letters; has no news to return. Took severe course at the sessions with those Presbyterians who resisted apprehension at a conventicle on Christmas Day. The Common Prayer Book has been stolen out of Bolton Church, torn in pieces, and thrown in the street channel. Has a strict eye on the town, which holds the same principles they had in the rebellion. Has examined four reputed witches; one confessed that she, her father, and mother each rode on a black cat to Warrington, nine miles off, and that the cats sucked her mother till they sucked blood. Has little faith in this, though given on oath, and has sent two of them to the gaol.

Jan. 30. Cockpit. 69. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington, Hampton Court. Asks what time the King will arrive; whether he comes to Whitehall by coach or barge, and whether he will have any guards drawn together. The house will be ready, and he can have his choice of three bedchambers. The wind has blown down 17 chimneys in the Queen's apartment; but the King's will be in good order. Thinks His Majesty had better come in privately, to avoid concourse of people, but the Lord Mayor and court of aldermen would take it ill if they have no notice. Asks His Majesty's pleasure therein. [*Damaged.*]

Jan. 30. 70. Note of the mortality in London during the past week: deaths, 227; of the plague 56; decrease, 23; parishes clear of the plague, 101; infected, 29.

Jan. 31. London. 71. Franc. Brunetti to Williamson. Begs transmission of a letter to Cardinal Guasconi at Florence. Asks licence to receive his 34 pictures which have arrived in the Thames from Ostend. [*Italian.*]

Jan. 31. Dover. 72. Warham Jennett, sen., to Williamson. The preservation of the town from fire and invasion being of great consequence, sends his thoughts thereon. The castle governor is honest, but too often absent from his charge, and has not a good understanding with the mayor and magistrates, who are chiefly Presbyterians, and who do not execute justice against Nonconformists, being so linked together by kindred. Wishes authority might be given to Sir Edw. Massey, an honest active soldier, and much loved by the people. Wishes there were a peace with Holland, that they might chase off the French who, when by cunning they have got Flanders, will have Holland too, and be a most insolent enemy to England. If the King would declare himself protector of the Protestant religion, it would embroil the French King in France, and be a general satisfaction to the Protestant party in Christendom.

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Jan. 31. Sayes Court. 73. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Sends a hasty draft of the infirmary designed for Chatham. Is confident of the exceeding benefit it will afford, and begs its recommendation to the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 31. Victualling Office. 74. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Edw. Robinson, master of the Elizabeth, has cleared his victualling accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

74. I. *Phin. Pett to* [*Sam. Pepys.*] *Has measured the Elizabeth, and her burthen is* 62 *tons.* *Dec.* 29, 1665.

Jan. 31. Portsmouth. 75. John Shales to [Sam. Pepys.] Details his difficulties and requirements in improving the victualling department. Wants the Commissioners' authority for the proposed changes. Thinks Mr. Gauden ready to comply with his proportion of victuals for that port. [*Adm. Paper,* 3 *pages.*]

Jan. 31. Bristol. 76. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has received 200*l.* from Mr. Morgan. Blocks for the new ships can be made in Bristol. Asks whether the sails shall be made there also. The long date of the last warrant was like to have overthrown the carriage of timber, especially when it mentioned bringing timber to Lydney instead of Conpill. Went to Sir Baynham Throckmorton about it. The men promise to work if a new warrant be sent down, with an alteration in that clause. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 31. Portsmouth. 77. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is offered 20 tons of cordage at 2*l.* 4*l.* per cwt. Asks whether or not he shall buy it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 31. Norwich. 78. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Wants full particulars of the cordage expected from London, in whose name it is shipped, and how much is to be paid. Asks whether to furnish the provisions required by Capt. [Saunders]. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 31. 79. Account by E. Wivell and Fr. Hosier of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags received into the victualling stores at Dover during the past month, from on board 15 ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan.? 80. Petition of Capt. John Roach to the King, for an order to Sir Stephen Fox to admit him to the pension of 2*s.* a day enjoyed by the late Capt. King, which His Majesty promised him six months ago, at Hampton Court.

Jan. 81. Memoranda [by Williamson from the Signet books,] the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Note that payments by the receiver and paymaster of Windsor castle and honour are under the signet, and entered there.

Grant of 6,000*l.* to the Earl of Sandwich, ambassador extraordinary, for his transportation to Madrid.

Grant to Edm. Scarborough of the office of Surveyor of the plantation of Virginia, as Thos. Loving had it.

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Licence to the Earl of Newburgh, Lord Cornbury, Sir George Carteret, and others for 31 years, to dig for coal in Windsor Forest, save in houses and gardens, and sell it, reserving 6*d.* per chaldron to the Crown.

Grant to Benj. Coling, in reversion after Ravenscroft and Cocks, of the keepership of the Council chamber.

Grant to Jo. Chase of the office of King's apothecary, fee 115*l.* a year, with reversion to his son James.

Jan. ? 82. Petition of two Ropemakers and two Ship Carpenters employed in Deptford and Woolwich dockyards to the Duke of Albemarle, for relief in their great necessity, or a ticket for their safe passage to Oxford to the Lord Treasurer for redress; are three quarters of a year behind in their pay; some have perished for want during this visitation, others have sold their goods or left their work to apply to distant friends for help; all have been necessitated to go into debt, and can get trust no longer. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*] *Enclosing,*

82. I. *Names and description of the petitioners.*

Jan. 83. Blank form of a letter of attorney empowering the sale and purchase of certain lands not specified. [*Draft by Williamson.*]

[Jan.] 84. M. De la Fahvollière, engineer, to Lord [Arlington]. Entreats payment of 160*l.* due to him for arrears, since Jan. last, as he will have to go with the King on his intended journey. [*French.*]

Jan. ? Serjeants' Inn. 85. Jo. Eddowes to Williamson. Sends an account of the appointments of the judges for the six circuits; viz.—Western, Home, Northern, Oxford, Midland, and Norfolk; with note that for the Lent circuits, Monmouth, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland have no assizes.

Jan. Woolwich. 86. Chris. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of ships; great want of men; 40 lately pressed only came down and entered their names, and have never since appeared. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. 87. Account by John Shales and W. Thorowgood of cask, iron-hoops, and biscuit bags, returned from 23 ships at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jan. ? 88. Proposal for letting two ballast quays, two ballast pits, two limekilns, and two tenements at Woolwich, on lease for 17 years, commencing at Lady Day 1666, at a premium of 1,200*l.* and a rental of 132*l.* per annum for the first six years, and 182*l.* per annum for the residue of the term. [*Adm. Paper, 1¼ pages.*]

[Jan.] 89. Certificate by Chas. Whitaker, secretary of the foreign apposers, of the fines and issues of jurors, for 33 counties specified, during the past year; total 1,128*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*



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Feb. 1. Hampton Court. 1. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury. Requests the renewal of a lease to Eliz. Turner and Eliz. Bargrave, in consideration of their late husbands' loyalty and of their poverty, of two houses built within the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral, dispensing with the statutes requiring the demolishing of such houses as are built within the precincts of the cathedral or churchyard. [*Attested copy.*]

Feb. 1. Whitehall. 2. [Lord Arlington] to [the Deputy Lieutenants of counties?] The King, by help of the late Act for 1,250,000*l.*, is able to redeem his affairs from the unhappy condition in which they have been placed, by his being compelled to take up moneys at second and third hands; he has by his letters invited several counties and corporations of the kingdom to subscribe loans on security of that Act, which are of extreme importance for the future establishment of his credit; they are therefore to promote subscriptions upon it, by urging the infallible security which the Act gives to the subscribers, both for principal and interest, the care taken to avoid all trouble in paying in and receiving out their moneys, and the infinite advantage that it will be for His Majesty, if this way of credit on his revenue be well established. The King will consider their advancing this good work as a very useful service. [*Draft by Williamson, 2 pages.*]

Feb. 1. Sittingbourne. 3. Resolutions at a general meeting of the militia officers of Kent,—present: Lord Buckhurst, Sir Oliver Butler, Sir John Tufton, Sir Ant. Aucher, Sir Wm. Swan, and Sir Fras. Clerke,—that all the regiments be mustered on Feb. 8th and meet on the 15th; that directions be requested from the Lord Lieutenant or Secretary of State what is to be done with them; that the beacons be repaired and constantly watched, &c.

Feb. 1. Hampton Court. Warrant for a lease to Sir Robert Paston, Bart., for 21 years, of the subsidy of wood, glass, earthen and stone wares, oranges, citrons, lemons, and pomegranates, from Michaelmas 1667. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 12.]

[Feb. 1.] 4. Draft of the above.

[Feb. 1.] 5. Proviso for the revocation of a grant made to Sir Rob. Paston, in case of its proving inconvenient.

Feb. 1. 6. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The fire-ship Providence is ready when required. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. Mary yacht, Dawpool, Chester Water. 7. Capt. James Sharland to the Navy Comrs. Has landed Mrs. Rachel Aldersey and her family. She is to pass her husband's account for victualling. Encloses his books and certificates. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. 8. Petition of Matthew Langdale to the Navy Comrs., for due allowance for service performed when he had the charge of the Foresight, the master being ill. Conveyed the Queen-Mother from the Downs to Calais, and performed several other voyages. With

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order thereon, that upon certificate from the boatswain and other officers of the ship that the petitioner served therein as master, he shall be paid accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. Portsmouth. 9. St. J. Steventon to Sir Wm. [Coventry]. Begs his interest in expediting the payment of a bill of imprest of 800*l.* now in Mr. Hayter's hands, to pay for some small provisions, and relieve the pressed men who begin to be in necessity. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. Dover. 10. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Sir Chris. Mings, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, wants topmasts and yards for his squadron. Has not a mast that would do for his smallest ship. Entreats a supply of stores. Should the fleet engage, there will be great want of masts and all other things. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. 11. Capt. Charles O'Bryan, of the West Friezland, to the Navy Comrs. Has received orders to sail. Has got no platters, cans, spoons, wood, nor candles from the purser, and had to buy candles himself. Has not time to change sails, there being none ready in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. Portsmouth. 12. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Is sorry to follow a person of quality and business so frequently with importunities, but can find no other redress. Begs assistance in obtaining a pass from the Duke of York for a French vessel, La Paix of Dieppe, belonging to her son, to fetch French hemp and oakum from Rusco. Entreats payment of money due. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 1. Blockhouse Fort, Gravesend. 13. Sir John Griffith to Sam. Pepys. Requests employment for the bearer, recommended by the mayor of the town as an able seaman and honest person. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. 14. Report by Mr. Dering of the state of the Newcastle ships. They are ready to sail, and with an easy convoy, could go to Hamburg, and return with the fleet now there. Asks bills of imprest for their demurrage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. Plymouth. 15. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Gives notice where he may be found to receive commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 2. Woolwich. 16. Chris. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Repairs of ships. Sir Thos. Teddeman wishes a good water-boat built; is ill with ague and fever; the payment of his quarter's bill would be a great assistance. [*Adm. Paper, 1¼ pages.*]

Feb. 2. Chatham Dock. 17. Phin. Pett to [the Navy Comrs.] The Land of Promise and Little Unicorn fire-ships shall be fitted for service. The pressed shipwrights are reduced to great straits for want of money, being 9 or 10 weeks behind hand; 50 loads of knees and 150 spruce deals are wanted for continuing the works on the Victory; reed and broom also wanted. With note that Mr. Pett is to be sharply rebuked for putting the Commissioners to such straits about board wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 2. Sayes Court. 18. J. Evelyn to Williamson. Asks why the Gazettes should not publish those sick persons from the fleet who have been preserved in Kent amongst the many thousands set on shore, in order to gratify the care and hazard of the Commissioners. *Encloses,*

18. I. *Note of sick and wounded set on shore at nine seaports in Kent, since 18th Nov.* 1664; *total,* 7,030, *of whom* 84 *died of the plague, and* 403 *of other diseases, the infection being caused by persons coming from London, unknown to the Commissioners.*

Feb. 2. 19. Petition of John Knowles, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, for restoration to liberty and for the goods taken from him by Capt. Thos. Wild, on a false suspicion of disaffection. Has been six weeks a prisoner at Worcester and eight months in the Gatehouse, where he has to pay 10*s.* a week for his bed, has no allowance, and is deprived of the ordinary solace of his books, and this in an extremely dangerous time. *Annexing,*

19. I. "*Brief and true narrative*" *by John Knowles. Has lived* 16 *years at Pershore, co. Worcester, till 9th April* 1665, *when Capt. Thos. Wild, by private instigation, came to seize him, searched his house, locked up his goods, took his horse, and some money, and carried him prisoner to Worcester; there he was denied bail, but his money and horse were given back, on security for their restoration when required. Stayed there while the captain went to London; on his return he ordered him to London, first getting his money from the security, but without giving up the bond. Was brought up at his own charge, examined before the Lord General and Lord Arlington about certain letters addressed to him, and declared that he had received no letter since the Restoration with a word of treason or sedition in it. Mr. Godolphin declared the letters contained nothing dangerous. Explained to them a schedule found about a collection made by him for some distressed Polanders, believing it lawful. Has often requested release and has provided securities, but is still detained, notwithstanding the plague.* [2 *pages.*]

[Feb. 2.] 20. Draft of the above petition and narrative. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 3. 21. Leonard Williams to Lord Arlington. Went in Christmas week to see him at Oxford, but found him gone into Suffolk. Has hazarded his life, and lost almost all his family by staying in London this dangerous time; but want of money has prevented his doing what he might. Begs payment of his salary which is three quarters behind. The Lord General knows the particulars of his service.

Feb. 3. 22. Promissory note by Timothy Stanney to repay to Edw. Fox 12*l.* received from him.

Feb. 3. Whitehall. 23. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to give orders to further those of the Duke of York, for despatch of the

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Monk, Plymouth, Breda, Amity, and Gift, to the buoy of the Nore; the men belonging to the George of Bristol have run from the place of their disaster. Asks whether they should not be ordered to be paid on board some ship at Portsmouth which wants men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 3. Bristol. 24. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Requests a bill for the third payment due for the new ship now building; has seen much good timber in his late journeyings, fit for plank from 35 to 50 feet long. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

24. I. *Iseburn Holland to the Navy Comrs. Certifies the progress of Mr. Baylie's new ship, for which the third payment is due.* *Bristol, Feb.* 3, 1666.

24. II. *Certificate by the same, that the work performed on Mr. Baylie's ship is according to contract.* *Bristol, Feb.* 3, 1666.

Feb. 3. Portsmouth. 25. Sir Wm. Berkeley to Lord Brouncker. Requests an order to Barber Surgeons' Hall for the payment of free gift and imprest money due to Wm. Downes, surgeon of the Swiftsure for 12 months. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 3. The West Friezland. 26. Capt. Charles O'Bryen to the Navy Comrs. Is anchored at the east end of the Nore, expecting to sail to-morrow to the Downs; must stop there, however fair the wind be, having no wood, cans, platters, nor lanterns on board; is 3*l.* 10*s.* out of pocket for candles already; begs that his purser may be called to account, or another provided. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 3. Whitehall. 27. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends a list of stores required immediately for Jersey. Asks if any of the ships intended as victuallers are yet ready for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 4. Portsmouth. 28. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The York and Crown are about to sail for the Downs; the Swallow is to accompany the Lion in carrying the Earl of Sandwich to Spain; has sent to Plymouth for the New England masts; the number of ships lately sent in for repairs empties the stores apace of small cordage; advises buying up all the English hemp possible; train oil is wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 4. The Hardreen, Harwich. 29. John Coudre to the Navy Comrs. Certifies his safe arrival. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Oxford, Lord Lieutenant, or to the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex. As it will burden the country to keep the militia long on foot, thinks it may suffice that the beacons be watched, and an alarm given in case of invasion; also that in the hundreds by the seaside, persons be in constant readiness to command the militia in case of a descent, that those regiments by the coasts

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do at once the 14 days' duty required by the Act, and that all be well-armed and provided, and ready either for invasion or for disturbance at home. [*Ent. Book* 20, *pp.* 296–7.]

[Feb. 4.] 30. Abstract of the preceding letter.

[Feb. 4.] List of counties to which letters of the tenor of the preceding were sent. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 296.]

[Feb. 4.] 31. List of the Lord Lieutenants of 13 maritime counties to whom the said letters were sent.

Feb. 4. Oriel College. 32. Chas. Perrott to Williamson. Fears Williamson is mistaken in his opinion of him, and that he has not a tithe of the ability that his employments require, but will wait on him at Whitehall, and study to serve him.

Feb. 5. 33. Petition of Jean d'Illan, Jew of Amsterdam, to the King, for a pass for a Holland ship to transport himself and 50 families of Jews from Amsterdam to Palestine. God has at length begun to gather in his scattered people, having raised up a prophet for them; they will pray for His Majesty when they arrive at Jerusalem. [*French.*]

Feb. 5. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver several great guns from the captured Dunkirker to the Officers of Ordnance, on a fair appraisement, they being fit for service in the navy. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 14.]

Feb. 5. Warrant to Thomas Dickinson to discharge John Custis. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 14.]

Feb. 5. Oxford. 34. Dr. Wm. Quatremaine to Williamson. The Queen has certainly miscarried; "the evidence of fecundity must allay the trouble of this loss."

Feb. 5. Durham. 35. John Bainbridge to Williamson. The commission to enquire into Sir Hen. Vane's estate is much opposed by the Bishop of Durham, who pretends royal rights in the bishopric, has seized all the rents and arrears, and refused to return a jury, in contempt of the writ; the commission would have failed, but the Duke of York recommended the business to the Sheriff of Yorkshire, who returned a very able jury, and they transacted the business. Could not return the commission before, because of the sickness, but sends it now, with the depositions. It is proved that the Bishop has received 1,200*l.*, arrears of rents due to the King on the death of Sir Hen. Vane, and that his servants scaled the walls of Raby Castle, broke open the gates, and carried away 12 waggon loads of goods, besides beasts. He issued a prohibition to all persons to prevent their attending a court at Baynard Castle, summoned by the Receiver General, on order from Sir Charles Harbord, in order to enter Vane's estates for the King, although no Bishops ever before kept court or received profits in that lordship. He should be deeply fined for his contempt in not summoning the jury.

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36. John Evelyn to the Duke of Albemarle. Proposes to avoid the intolerable expense of sending to search for escaped and straggling prisoners, by procuring hue and cry to be made after them through the country, which would make it impossible for the most industrious to conceal themselves. If the justices in Kent were ordered to practise this, and to offer a reward to country people to bring them back, the prisons would be filled with numbers who escaped out of the ships before the latter were taken into custody, and many accidents would be avoided. Prisoners often go through Rochester and Canterbury for Dover, and the mayors should receive fresh and strict commands to take up such fellows; is the more importunate because the late storm has demolished the banks of a moat about Leeds Castle, and let out the water, and the guards are put to extraordinary duty to restrain the prisoners. The recovered men will not return to their vessels by sea; their conveyance by land is intolerably expensive, and having spent the money in rioting, they often relapse or go idling about the country. Begs his Grace to forward with the King and Duke of York the erection of an infirmary The person in the post office packet boat at Deal is John Braines, an Anabaptist, a great friend to the factious people, and suspected of conveying intelligence and doing ill offices, under protection of his employment. [3 *pages.*]

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37. Testimonies against Geo. Wheeler, master joiner of Harwich dockyard, viz.:—

Silas Taylor, storekeeper. Had several hundreds of choice deals selected for the new ship, in December last; saw them lie scattered about the yard, employed for the meanest uses; ordered Geo. Wheeler to see them stacked and give an account of them, which he angrily refused to do; stopped his son carrying a couple of slit deals out of the yard; asked Wheeler how he dared take anything without knowledge; was answered with railing and provoking expressions; one large serviceable piece of deal was cut up and taken away for burning, by the said joiner and his son; several wrought battens were delivered out of a room in the yard, kept under lock and key by Geo. Wheeler. January 29, 1666.

Ben. Thorpe, smith's assistant; heard Geo. Wheeler use abusive language to the storekeeper when questioned about the deals. January 29, 1666.

Edw. Fenn, porter; stopped the master joiner's son in carrying two slit deals out of the yard; the boy afterwards returned with his father, who in anger himself took up the deals, put them on his son's shoulders, and turned him out of the gate, saying, they were for his own use and he would answer for it; heard the abusive language used to the storekeeper. January 29, 1666.

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John Flint and John Williams, sawyers; a little before Christmas last, saw a wrought batten thrust out of one of the windows belonging to the joiner's work-room, and carried away by his son. February 5, 1666.

John Wilkinson, turner; has converted divers pieces of turnery work, as tables, stools, &c., out of the King's stuff to the use of Geo. Wheeler, joiner, and that of other people in the town, taking money for the same. February 5, 1666.—[*Adm. Paper*, 2½ *pages*.]

Feb. 5. Four certificates relating to the John and Elizabeth hoy; [*Adm. Papers*], viz. :—

38. By John Fortescue, of its complete equipment when hired for the King's service. April 12, 1665.

39. By Sir Thos. Allin, of the discharge of Thos. Snedall, the master, from attendance on the Royal James. December 23, 1665.

40. By Phin. Pett, of the measurement and burthen of the said hoy. January 9, 1666.

41. By Thos. Lewis, of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by Thos. Snedall the master.
Victualling Office, February 5, 1666.

Feb. 5. Chatham Dock. 42. Phin. Pett and Jos. Lawrence to the Navy Comrs. Have surveyed the damage sustained by the Convertine; estimate the repairs at 165*l*. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Feb. 5. Dover. 43. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The tar, landed three months since, lies ankle deep in the cellar; the hoops rotten and barrels half empty; they are now to be trimmed and filled up; the Lubec ship is not yet cleared, being still in the possession of Sir Arthur Slingsby's men-of war; no hemp nor cordage is come to hand; repairs needed for the Drake. [*Adm. Paper*.] *Encloses*,

43. I. *Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Requests payment of his bill for cable yarn sent to England; has more goods on hand, but is forbidden to send them on pain of death, by reason of the war; the King of France gives three months' liberty for the English to withdraw their goods; hopes the King of England will do the same; can send goods to Ostend if desirable; wishes his letters to be sent through Thos. White to a merchant at Calais, for fear they should be broken open.*
*Dieppe*, 27 January / 6 February, 1666.

Feb. 5. Norwich. 44. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The Edgars' and others have viewed the flyboat brought into the town as a prize; it is very commodious for carrying masts; Capt. Saunders wants a supply of furnaces, tops, blocks, &c. [*Adm. Paper*.]

Feb. 5. Chatham. 45. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. A supply of knees is wanted; is going down to the buoy of the Nore to pay off the Resolution. [*Adm. Paper*.]

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Feb. 6. The Elizabeth, Downs. 46. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sam. Pepys. Desires to be remanded to his former station; can well be spared, the fleet being 28 sail strong, and more expected daily; the enemy are but 31, merchantmen and all; does not expect they will venture through the Channel; the coast of France is guarded; it is resolved to steer for Flanders when the wind permits. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. The Lion, Spithead. 47. Capt. John Hubbard to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered to attend convoys to Tangiers; the master of the Lion is a sottish and incapable man; begs that another may be appointed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. 48. Memoranda of the stations or condition of 18 ships, and of the time when they are expected to be ready to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. Portsmouth. 49. Comr. Thos. Middleton to [Sam. Pepys]. Complains of the negligence of the boatswain of the York; he is more fit for an almshouse that a ship. Mr. Wilson, named as master of the Franakin, is dying; recommends Peter Slayd in his stead; the Lizard sailed with Sir Chris. Myngs; would not have had a cable in store, but for the late timely supply of hemp and cordage; was heartbroken to see the five ships sent in without masts, sails, cables, or anchors; progress of ships in dock; seamen are wanted; has sent the Katherine to convoy the New England mast ship from Plymouth. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*] *Encloses,*

49. 1. *List of 10 ships in dock, with the time when they may be expected to set sail.* *Portsmouth, Feb. 6, 1666.*

Feb. 6. Deptford. 50. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Account of ships in dock; calkers and shipwrights are wanted. Asks a warrant to press them; several who were pressed have disappeared. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. Chatham Dock. 51. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Finds two houses on the hill infected, but only one person dead; the Resolution is at the buoy of the Nore; Comr. Pett has gone down to pay her off; the shipwrights are better satisfied with the idea of being paid, and it was time, for petitions were framing which would have given trouble; much money will be wanted to go through the work; one Woodcott, employed to carry letters and bring money to the officers, has been long missing, and is now dead, with 500*l.* not accounted for; will take the best course to secure what is left in his house. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. Plymouth. 52. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The repairs of the Antelope have proved more tedious and chargeable than was at first expected; the New England ship waits an opportunity to proceed to Chatham; the Sapphire, Forester, Adventure, and Nightingale are in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. 53. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Wivenhoe ketch is to attend the service of Tangiers instead of the Swallow, and may be fitted up at Dover. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 6. Whitehall. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to sell the ship Swan, at a fair valuation, to Sir James Modyford, or to the Duke of Albemarle who recommends him. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 4.*]

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Feb. 7. Bristol. 54. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Requests masts, bowsprits, and yards for his new ship; will willingly pay the freight. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 7. Norwich. 55. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Saunders declines to provide furnaces, tops, blocks, &c., on his own account; cordage is offered at 50*s.* per cwt.; coming so far round by Ostend makes it excessively chargeable. Some money would be most acceptable to the Edgars. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Feb.] 7. Prize Office. 56. Rich. Kingdon and Hen. Rumbold, prize officers, to the Navy Comrs. Have contracted with Sir Wm. Warren for all prize ships disposable for navy service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 8. Chatham Hill. 57. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. The Resolution is paid off. Hears of 6,000*l.* more ready at Maidstone. Great want of plank for finishing the Victory. Sees now the sad effect of turning over men from ship to ship; out of 1,000 men upon the books of the Resolution, not above 66 came within compass of pay to the 1st of August; many are borne upon the steward's book four or five months after their discharge as sick or wounded. No victuals are as yet sent down to the ships at the Black Stakes and the Hope. Four persons were buried last night, but only one of the plague. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 8. Chatham. 58. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Sir Wm. Warren's ships have been delivered since the 1st Feb.; he has no pretence to say that they lie upon demurrage. Has 164 labourers on the books, mostly at the shipwright's and storekeepers' disposal. Particulars of their employment since Jan. 16. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 8. Woolwich. 59. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Proposes sheathing the Coventry before her voyage to Barbadoes. Sheathing board and a new mast are wanted, also plank, knees, and standards for new and old works. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 8. Downs. 60. Capt. Charles O'Bryen to the Navy Comrs. Cannot accompany the Resolution to Portsmouth, for want of all kinds of necessaries. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 8. Deptford. 61. Capt. James Jenifer, of the Seven Oaks, to Sam. Pepys. Demands a supply of men; only 180 are allowed to his ship, though carrying 54 guns and equal to a third-rate; the Dutch allowed her 300 in the engagement of last June, when Stillinwert, their admiral, was slain in her, and she had 260 Dutch prisoners in her, when taken. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 8. Whitehall. Reference to the Board of Greencloth of the petition of Wm. Astley, for the office of Serjeant of the pastry in place of Rich. Tooley, deceased, in pursuance of a promise made to him the next vacancy. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 196.]

Feb. 8. The King to the Master and Senior Fellows of Christ College, Cambridge. Recommends Chas. Fanshaw, M.A., to the first vacant fellowship, on account of his loyalty and learning, any pre-election or statute to the contrary notwithstanding [*Ent. Book* 19, *p.* 52.]

[Feb. 8.] 62. Draft of the above.

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Feb. 8. Whitehall. Warrant to the Duke of Albemarle to order Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the new-raised forces, to pay to Henry Earl of St. Alban's 1,000*l.* a year, during life, in consideration of his surrender of the government of Jersey. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 15.]

Feb. 8. Warrants to Lord Mordaunt and the Keeper of Reading gaol, for the removal of George Starkey, counsellor-at-law, and a person of dangerous principles, from the said gaol to Windsor Castle, he being observed to hold correspondence with many of like principles who have recourse to him there. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 15.]

Feb. 8. Order for a warrant to pay to John Rose, appointed keeper of St. James's Garden, in place of Andrew and Gabriel Mollet, deceased, 240*l.* a year for wages, for keeping the said garden. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 16.]

Feb. 8. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant in reversion to John and Hugh Seymour to the office of Searcher of the Customs in the port of London. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 17.]

Feb. 8. Dalston. 63. Sir Wm. Dalston to Williamson. Entreats licence, being a sheriff, to be sometimes out of Cumberland, or he will suffer infinite loss. Has chosen an able under-sheriff and other officers; Humphrey Robinson, stationer in St. Paul's Churchyard, will pay the fees.

Feb. 8. 64. Leonard Williams to Lord Arlington. Will serve the King by sea or land, even as a soldier, but is ruined for want of money; is three quarters behind, and has spent more during his lordship's absence than he expects from him. Can regain himself amongst the party without being proclaimed, having relations and friends who seek to him, and having only been suspected on one business, if Mr. Thomas or Mr. Cresset might talk with a prisoner in the Tower as he directs, he would be cleared from that suspicion.

Feb. 9. Whitehall. 65. Declaration by the King of war against the French King, who by declaring war on Jan. 16 against England, became the aggressor; enjoining the Duke of York, as admiral, and the Duke of Albemarle, as general of the forces, to oppose the French, and forbidding any intercourse with them on pain of death. [*Printed*, 4 *pages.*]

[Feb. 9.] 66. Draft of the above. [1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 9. Plymouth. 67. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Promises all expedition in fitting up the Milford at Bristol. Has detained the St. Nicholas of Venice, laden with brimstone, pretending to be bound for Ostend; no pass was found on board at the time of seizure; asks directions thereon. Requests the payment of money due to Capt. Ackerman, for delivering the Sta. Maria and her lading. There are 100 barrels of tar and some deals in port. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 9. Cockpit. 68. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. The Fountain must be fitted and dispatched with all expedition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 9. Deptford. 69. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. Requests a warrant for entering 15 men on the Golden Phœnix, and a safe conduct for Wm. Miller and four men in charge of the buoys and beacons of the Channel. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9. Whitehall. 70. Sir Arthur Slingsby to Sam. Pepys. Requests that assistance may be given to Robert Gibson in his examination at the Trinity House. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9. 71. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Begs that half of Rob. Waith's elm timber may be delivered at Deptford, where there is none in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9. Yarmouth. 72. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. The Sweepstakes frigate is completed, and no just complaint can be made against the builders. Chain pumps, bells, and other things are wanted; awaits orders to launch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9. Chatham New Dock. 73. Sir John Mennes and Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. An immediate supply of oil is wanted; two or three tuns for present use must be sent to Gravesend in wherries, and thence taken in waggons to Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9. The Milford, King's Road. 74. Capt. Rich. White to Sam. Pepys. Is arrived in King Road; hopes to be speedily supplied with necessaries and dispatched. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 9. 75. Duplicate of the above, addressed to Sir Wm. Batten. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 10. 76. Articles of agreement between the Navy Comrs. and James and John Houblon, merchants of London, for hire and freight of the Whitehorse, 150 tons burthen, for one journey to Jersey, in the sum of 120*l.* *Annexing,*

76. I. *Receipt by Col. Thos. Morgan, for goods delivered by the Whitehorse into Castle Elizabeth, Jersey.*
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Feb. 10. Woolwich. 77. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The House de Swede is docked; the Mary Rose ready to launch. Asks whether the Coventry or Guilder de Rutter shall be brought in next. Wishes some course could be taken to force the pressed men down to their duties, especially the calkers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 10. Chatham Rope-yard. 78. John Owen to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of the sudden disappearance and death of one Woodcott, employed to carry money and letters to and from the yard. Sir John Mennes and Comr. Peter Pett have granted a warrant for seizing and securing all money, papers, and books found in his house. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 10. The Pearl, Bristol. 79. Capt. Walter Morgan to the Navy Comrs. Is commanded by the Duke of Albemarle to await orders from the Duke of York. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 10. 80. Certificate by Capt. Thos. Teddeman and two others of the authenticity of receipts given by Ellis Osborne, master of the Sarah

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and Elizabeth, employed to carry water and provisions to the fleet, although for expedition's sake, they were taken from the boatmen, and not from the pursers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 10. Dover. 81. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has taken possession of 80 barrels of tar, and 10 barrels of pitch, belonging to the Ostend ship. Sir Arthur Slingsby's men-of-war refuse to unlade without special orders from him; is much straitened for want of money; has received a cable and hawser, and some small cordage from the Prize Office. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 10. 82. Archbishop of Glasgow to Lord Arlington. The disorderly meetings of fanatics in the west are as frequent as ever; they are mostly armed with swords, pistols, and carbines, and little is done to secure peace. Thinks the fines had better be employed in moulding a small militia. A most wicked and anti-monarchical pamphlet is sent into the country, from banished ministers in Holland, which, though it seems a mere foolish libel, yet speaks the opinions of many considerable persons in the country.

Feb. 10. Chester Castle. 83. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Is hugely satisfied that his letters now come from Whitehall. Major John Ashurst, lately come over from Ireland, complains much of the removal of so many godly persons, as he termed the Nonconformists, especially ministers; he said they were the stronger party, and if such courses were continued against them, there would be an alteration once in seven years. He is gone for London.

Feb. 10. Hull. 84. Sir Jordan Crosland to Williamson. Mr. Floyd has not, as instructed by Lord Arlington, sent an order to the Commissioners at Hull not to dispose of the Black Bear, and the accounts being required, February 20th is the day appointed for selling all; begs a speedy order that the sale of the ship may be stayed.

Feb. 10. Sleaford. 85. Lady E. Carr to her brother. Asks after his health. The coach has gone to meet Lord Ossory; when he is come, hopes it will not be long before the other lady will be there.

Feb. 10. Knowlton. 86. Sir Thos. Peyton to [Williamson]. Sends a letter left at his house. Does not know Capt. Nod, but Thos. Collins is Cullen of whom he before wrote to Lord Arlington: has had experience of his fidelity to the King. *Encloses,*

86. I. *Ben. Harrison to Sir Thos. Peyton, Bart. Mr. Schainck writes that on 11th November last, a porter of Dover said he hoped the Dutch fleet would have landed* 1,000 *or* 2,000 *men, and then they would have been ready with an army to assist them; that although the King had ordered their arms to be taken away, they had arms enough in the county to furnish the men, and two merchants of Dover would tell them what to do if an inroad should be made. On February 6th, Mr. Schainck said he feared lest, in prosecution of his business, he should show himself an enemy to his own country or countrymen; told him that the business was to defend the country where he is pro-*

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*tected from the treasonable designs of home-bred rebels, and he would thereby serve his own country, for the practices of traitors, rather than noble hostility, embroil nations in disorder: this satisfied him, and on February 8th he met at Dover the aforesaid porter, Thos. Lord, and others; they said that Lawrence Nod, late a captain, and Thos. Collins, formerly governor of Dover Castle, now a preacher in his own house in Dover, had tidings from the English beyond sea every week; the porter is trusted as a sufferer, having once been seven weeks in prison. They expect Rich. Cromwell, who is in France, to head an invasion before May, or Ludlow, who is in Holland; there are 200 sure men in Dover to join them, and most of the town would do so, even the soldiers of Dover Castle, and the rich men would leave the town to see what became of it, as they did when De Ruyter was at the North Foreland, and the rest were prepared to join him, if he had landed any force. The porter promised an interview between Schainck and Capt. Nod. Giles Johnson, another of the faction, said our fleet was manned with boys, and few able seamen among them. De Ruyter went in a little ship and himself sounded the water, taking the English packet boat and sending letters on shore by the passengers. The packet-boat men are Anabaptists, do not come to church, and carry enemies beyond sea; they offered to carry over three Dutch captains, out on parole, for 40s., but the captains refused; they counterfeit passes in Mr. Carlisle's name. The vitals of government are to pay well and punish well, or few would dare to be good, and fewer fear to be evil; he that lays a strong temptation on another is guilty as well as he who yields to it.* [3 *pages.*]

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Feb. 10. The King to the Kings-at-arms, Heralds, and Pursuivants. They are to make choice of two heralds, and direct them to be that day at 11 o'clock at the gate of Whitehall Court, where the serjeants-at-arms and trumpeters are appointed to attend, and the two heralds are then to proclaim and publish the declaration of war against France, issued February 9, in all the usual and accustomed places. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 18.]

Feb. 10. 87. Manner of proceeding in the proclamation of the King's declaration against the French, by the officers-at-arms, serjeants-at-arms, trumpeters, &c., at Whitehall Gate, Temple Bar, the end of Chancery Lane, Wood Street, Cheapside, and the Royal Exchange.

Feb. 10. Whitehall. 88. Pass for M. De Flammaren, with two servants, and goods, &c., to France.

Feb. 10. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Devonshire. All may perceive that in this confederacy of enemies, the welfare of all is struck at; for the better preserving the nation from imminent danger, the Parliament granted an aid of 1,250,000*l.* to be levied in two years'

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time, but perceiving that the money would be wanted sooner, they invited loans on the Act, providing firm security for repayment with interest; on this considerable sums have already been raised. Requests him to promote further loans in Devonshire, giving his Royal word for repayment both of principal and interest; with note that all the Lord Lieutenants had similar letters. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 171.]

Feb. 10. Similar letter addressed to [the Archbishop of York?] [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 190.]

Feb. 11. 89. Memorandum by Dr. Thos. Barlow, provost of Queen's College, Oxford, that he has received from Wm. Ryley, Lancaster herald, the records of the time of King John, Henry III., and Edward I. and II., mentioned in twelve preceding pages, with a folio book of Parliament records concerning the clergy, which he will restore on demand. [13 *pages.*]

Feb. 11. Tower Hill. 90. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. As to Sir John Mennes' complaint of want of provisions for the ships at Chatham, received orders to victual certain ships, as soon as they were ready, of which the masters of attendance have not hitherto given the least intimation; sending away victuals before the ships are in a condition to receive them does much harm, besides the extra charge incurred for demurrage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 11. Portsmouth. 91. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Promises quick dispatch of the Franakin; launch of the Happy Return; repairs needed for the Swiftsure. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 11. Chatham Hill. 92. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Progress of ships in dock; many are already dispatched; the Breda and Amity are fitting up at Sheerness, and will be the first ready to go to sea; wants money to pay them off; the pressed men clamour for board wages; is sure that at least 500 men and boys might be spared, and still leave sufficient to carry on the works; encloses a list of the numbers borne on each ship; the bell never ceases, and 7 houses are newly shut up, therefore is anxious to hasten away ships as fast as possible. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

92. 1. *Note of the musters on* 21 *ships, as borne upon the clerk of the cheque's book, total* 4,731; *but the number of men that appeared was* 1,465.

[Feb. 12.] 93. Petition of Rich. Sanders and two others to Sir Wm. Batten, for an order to obtain from Capt. Seymour of the Foresight the tickets in his possession, for their former service in the Prudent Mary. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing.*

93. 1. *Certificate by Charles Ryley that the said three men now belong to the Hope.* 12*th Feb.* 1666.

Feb. 12. The Portsmouth, Tynemouth Haven. 94. Capt. Thos. Willoughby to the Navy Comrs. Has had his complement of men reduced to 45 by Sir Jeremy Smith; finds his present station pestered by the enemy, therefore requests an order for his original allowance of 60. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 12. Chatham. 95. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Progress of ships in dock; wishes victuals hastened down to the Breda and Amity at Sheerness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. The Milford, King Road. 96. Capt. Rich. White to Sir Wm. Coventry. His mainmast is unfit for service; asks what course to take to procure one; the Pearl's mast would fit very well. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. The Milford, King Road. 97. Capt. Rich. White to Sir Wm. Batten. Has received, by Sir Jer. Smith's order, 10 soldiers, who from want of clothes are fallen sick; fears they will spoil his ship's company; asks how to dispose of them; has only a month's provisions on board; six or seven casks of bread were damaged in the last storm. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Feb.] 98. Petition of Isaac Woodgreen, commander of the Prudent Mary, employed in the King's service, to the Navy Comrs., in behalf of the owners of the vessel, for allowance for damage and loss of anchors, cables, &c., when forced from Bergen; had the ship lain an hour longer at Bergen, she would have sunk, and then there had been due by contract, 2,600*l.*

[Feb.] 99. Estimate of the damage and loss sustained by the said vessel, whilst in the King's service; total, 450*l.*

Feb. 12. 100. Certificate by John North, lieutenant, and two others, that the Prudent Mary was miserably torn and battered at Bergen, having lost anchors, grapnels, cables, hawsers, buoys, &c., and a skiff with all her oars; with declaration, 2nd February, that the said provisions were left at Bergen out of necessity, to save the sinking of the ship. Endorsed with the Navy Comrs.' order, 8th February, to the lieutenant, master, and boatswain of the Prudent Mary, to value the said loss; and their report, 12th February, that the total value was 162*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. London. 101. Thos. Papillon to the Navy Comrs. Has delivered 15 tons of French yarn at Portsmouth; another French vessel with the remaining 35 tons ought to have arrived, but is delayed by the embargo in France; begs a certificate of the premises to the Duke of York, that a pass may be granted for the ship conveying the yarn. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

101. I. *Thos. Papillon to the Navy Comrs. Is ready to ship off 50 tons of fine and ordinary cable yarn, provided a safe permission be granted to two French vessels for bringing it over.* [*Copy.*]

Feb. 12. Bristol. 102. Geo. Knight to the Navy Comrs. In his father's absence, will take charge of all the stores and ammunition delivered by Capt. Morgan of the Pearl; the mast chosen by Capt. White for the Milford proves rotten at the heart; cannot find another in the city big enough; the captain is resolved to take the mainmast of the Pearl at her discharge; asks how to dispose of the George frigate's men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 12. Dover. 103. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Peter Tisen desires that the money due to him for 82 barrels of tar may be paid to Michael Clipsham, according to the price current in London; with note that the price is 14*l.* 10*s.* per last. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

103. I. *Certificate by Thos. White of* 82 *barrels of tar and* 10 *barrels of pitch, received from Capt. Peter Tisen, master of the St. Anne of Ostend.* *Dover, Feb.* 12, 1666.

Feb. 12. 104, 105. Reports of the condition and time of sailing of various ships at Deptford and Woolwich, February 7 and February 12. Two papers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 12. Commission for Arthur Broughton to be Lieutenant to Major Scott, in the company of Foot Guards under Col. Russell. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 98.]

Feb. 12. Commission to James Wren to be Lieutenant to Capt. Strode at Dover. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 98.]

Feb. 12. 106. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Sends the proposition drawn by Lord [Arlington], and a translation of it. Is going to Rochester, to Lady Chesterfield, so cannot wait on his lordship. The fleet came into Deal late last night, having chased 16 Hollanders into Flushing.

Feb. 13. Portsmouth. 107. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Two Ostend ships are cleared by the Commissioners, and are bound for Cadiz. Is fitting the ships for sea; those bound for Tangiers will be ready in two or three days, with a good convoy. Portsmouth is in good health.

Feb. 13. Bellisle. 108. Sir Robt. Southwell to Lord Arlington. Begs that if any protections are granted for Newfoundland, one may be given to Rob. Hoxland, master of a small Barnstaple bark, who carried him from Cascale's Bay to Lisbon, and was kind to him. [*Copy.*]

Feb. 13. London. 109. Sir Rich. Ford to Williamson. Several of the Hamburg Company recommend Dan. Cable, the bearer, as a great master of high and low Dutch.

Feb. 13. Whitehall. 110. [Lord Arlington to the Mayors, &c., of towns]. The King wishes them to advance the loans to be made in the town, on the encouragement of the Act for 1,250,000*l.*, as it extremely imports his affairs that the loans should be effectually pressed and solicited. [*Draft by Williamson.*]

Feb. 13. 111. "Notes from the person sent by my Lord of Orrery." Capt. Blood, who carried on the design in Ireland, may be found at Col. Gilby Carr's, in the north of Ireland, or at his wife's, near Dublin. George Ayres, engaged in the Dublin plot, is at Mrs. Cox's, Dublin. John Chambers, who was to kill the lord lieutenant, lives at Stone in Staffordshire, under the name of Thos. Mills. Capt. Brown is in the King's Bench or Fleet. The meeting of fanatics, designed for Coventry, was held in Liverpool, Jan. 1st, and they put

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off joining till the engagement of the fleet; they will march in small numbers to Scotland, there to meet Ludlow and Desborough; they say they have listed 10,000 horse.

Feb. 13. Whitehall. Pass for Mons. De Flamaran into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 18.]

Feb. 13. Warrant for a grant to Andrew Haines, gentleman of London, of the office of Waiter in the port of London in the place of —— Foulke, deceased. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 18.]

Feb. 13. Pass for four coach horses for Sir Allan Broderick into Ireland. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 19.]

Feb. 13. Order for a warrant to pay to Sir George Downing, Bart., 1,000*l.*, 500*l.* of which he is to pay to Nicholas Oudart, for expenses during his imprisonment in Holland, and the rest is to be for transportation of his own wife and family to England. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 20.]

[Feb. 13.] 112. Bill of Sir George Downing's expenses, for transporting himself and family from the Hague to London, and for the expenses of his secretary and Mr. Oudart in prison: total 920*l.*

Feb. 13. 113. Capt. Hen. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Proposes that William Berry's smack, the William and Mary, should wait upon his ship, the Unicorn, to impress men, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. Woolwich. 114. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The carpenters' crew of the Dunkirk and Dreadnought entreat an allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* per day, for the time the ships were in hand; knows them to be deserving men; has sent to Deptford for 4,000 feet of sheathing board for the repairs of the Coventry. *Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. Portsmouth. 115. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Is willing to depend on the Act for goods delivered, provided 20,000*l.* or 10,000*l.* be lodged with some goldsmith for immediate use; dares not meddle any further without such assurance, being so out of purse already as to render life a burden; since the new Act, has served in cordage, hemp, and sailcloth, to the value of 2,261*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*; prays God to put it into the heads of those in whose hands it lies, to do right and pay her small bills, that she may keep her poor workmen quiet. Requests a protection for the St. Jacques of St. Malo. Offers to furnish 20 or 30 tons of French hemp cordage, upon an advance of 2*s.* per cwt., the commodity being scarce. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 13. Portsmouth. 116. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The order concerning the fitting up of the Wivenhoe ketch shall be faithfully observed; the Swiftsure is launched, the Henrietta docked in her room. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. Portsmouth. 117. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Will buy English hemp at the price mentioned, 37*s.* per cwt.; is glad the master of the Franakin is approved. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 13. Plymouth Fort. 118. Sir John Skelton to Sam. Pepys. The Orange Tree being hauled up, recommends John Pridham, the purser, for employment on some other frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. Gravesend. 119. Rich. Elkin, muster master, to the Navy Comrs. Account of seven ships in the Hope, their date of arrival, number of men, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. 120. Certificate by John Wardill of the entry of 10 men named on board the Sea Venture smack, hired for the King's service Oct. 15, 1664. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. Plymouth. 121. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Friezland is arrived with stores, but only six masts on board, although Sir Wm. Batten's abstract mentions ten; intends shipping rosin on her, and some great brass guns taken out of a Dunkirker bound for France. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 13. Victualling Office, Tower Hill. 122. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. The Plymouth has still 18 days' victuals on board, and cannot stow her beer by 30 tuns; asks whether only 3½ months' victuals shall be sent, instead of the 4 months' ordered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 14. Chatham. 1. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Victuals are wanted for eight ships; the Henry has sailed; the Breda and Amity are cleared and tallowed at Sheerness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 14. Outwell, near Wisbeach. 2. John Fincham to Sam. Pepys. Knows nothing of the quality of hemp from Flanders or Dorsetshire; cannot abate the prices formerly sent in; understands better than to make propositions of a bartering nature; hemp has risen 40s. in the ton; named Lynn as the place of delivery, because unwilling to run the risk or bear the charge by sea; shall expect an advance of 500*l.* in hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 14. The Pearl, Bristol. 3. Capt. Walter Morgan to the Navy Comrs. Has received orders for delivering up the Pearl to her owners, and making over the men to the Captain of the Milford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 14. 4. Trinity House certificate of the fitness of Wm. Wilkinson, mariner, to serve as master of a frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 14. Chatham. 5. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges a "good refreshment of monies" from Sir Geo. Carteret; there was not water enough this spring tide for the Sovereign, she must attend the next; seamen come in very slowly, they are obliged "to rob Peter to pay Paul," to carry out the ships that are ready; particulars of ships; there are 250 sick and wounded in the port, and the

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poor people who entertain them complain much that they can get no moneys for what they have laid out; hopes the worst of the sickness is passed; none have died of the plague since his last letter, except perhaps the purser of the Sovereign, but that is doubtful; complains of the badness of petty warrant provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

5. I. *Certificate, by John Copping, of the want of a purser on board the St. George; with Sir John Mennes' recommendation of Mr. White, formerly purser of the Great Gift. Feb.* 14, 1666.

Feb. 14. 6. Sir Chris. Myngs to the Navy Comrs. Requests an order for the removal of Rich. Suffolk from the Triumph to be master of the Victory; John Basset, master of the Delight smack, has attended since Feb. 19, 1665, without a contract, on a promise to have another smack, for which he wishes their honours' signatures. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 14. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Francis Fortescue, indicted for murder of —— Perkins, and now fled into foreign parts, he being only guilty as present when the murder was committed. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 19.]

Feb. 14. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to pay from the 250,000*l.* advanced by contract on the farm of the chimney money, 60,000*l.* to the Victualler of the Navy, and 90,000*l.* to the Treasurer of the Navy, for wages of seamen and workmen in the dockyards; also 50,000*l.* owing to Edw. Backwell, and 50,000*l.* to Sir George Carteret, for the Bishop of Munster. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 21.]

Feb. 14. Letter Office. 7. James Hickes to Williamson. Sir Phil. Frowde being absent, has opened Williamson's letters to him, and given order about the French letters; has also ordered Morgan Lodge of Deal and Mr. Hall at the Roundhouse to give no notice of ships in the Downs, except to Lord Arlington and Sir Wm. Coventry. Has ordered Hall to send Muddiman's letters to Williamson, as they contain similar advices about ships; thinks all his letters should be sent to him or Lord Arlington. Has seen no publication of orders for search of seamen. Told Sir Wm. Clarke why Muddiman was dismissed; Sir William said he had seen passages in the Haarlem Gazette which must have come from Muddiman, and since then he had never told him anything particular. *Encloses,*

7. I. *James Hickes to* [*Muddiman's Correspondents*]. *Mr. Muddiman, whose letters have formerly come franked to their hands, is dismissed from management of that correspondence by Lord Arlington and Mr. Williamson, for contriving it for his own advantage. He cannot therefore now communicate much news, and his letters are no longer to be franked. Letter Office, Feb.* 13, 1666.

[Feb. 14.] 8. Note that the orders of Council [for prevention of the plague] should be reduced to method and sent to all the justices of

peace of the kingdom; that to preserve the parts adjacent to the King's court at Whitehall, money should speedily be raised to supply the poor, as if other parts of the kingdom become infected, there will be no likelihood of any charity being sent from other places to London.

Feb. 14. 9. The Council Board to the Earl of Craven and other Justices of Middlesex and Westminster. He is to consult with the Bishop of London for continuing the present or using other places for burying the infected; none are to be buried in churches nor churchyards, all the infected to be removed to pest-houses &c., shut up and guarded as formerly; at the opening of an infected house, a white cross is to be affixed on the door, and a declaration of when the last person died, and the house to be aired and fumed, no person lodging in it, for forty days. Churchyards are to be covered fourteen inches thick, with unslacked lime and gravel, streets and alleys daily cleansed, and sewers left open; none suffered to beg in the streets; the justices to give their opinions about the state of the pest-houses and the erection of new ones; care to be taken of houses shut up, and the warders to keep passengers from approaching too near; none are to be permitted to inhabit cellars or hulks. The Lord Chief Justice of King's Bench is ordered to assist if needful. [*Abstract.*]

Feb. 14. Whitehall. 10. Jo. Clotterbook to Williamson. The Lord Chancellor wants a warrant for Mr. Knipe to ride post to Shrewsbury and back, and get some writings sealed there for his lordship.

Feb. 15. 11. Caveat that no grant pass of the Examiner's place of the Exchequer at Chester, till notice be given to Lord Arlington.

Feb. 15. Leghorn. 12. Thos. Dethick and eleven others of the factory at Leghorn to Jos. Kent. Thank His Majesty for appointing him consul, and submit willingly to Charles Chillingworth as his deputy.

Feb. 15. 13. M. Brighouse to Sir Rich. Browne, clerk of the Council. Mr. King must be committed with this warrant, till the Attorney-General can draw one as full as it ought to be, but the Lieutenant of the Tower must keep it to himself, and King must not see it.

Feb. 15. London. Levant Company to [the Earl of Winchelsea]. Regret the want of candour and generosity in his last. Explain at length the "airy distinctions," as he terms them, between personal avanias, which are taxes levied by the Turks for the faults of private persons, and national avanias, which concern the public honour, a difference which the Turks themselves recognize; even should a personal avania be unjustly inflicted, that is no reason why the Company should bear it; it must be understood that the debts of factors to the Turks are to be borne solely by their own estates, and not by the Company. The expense of protecting the trade there exceeds the consulage, and supplies have to be levied, therefore the treasurer must be pressed to frugality. If the estate of Weymouth

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Carew will not bear his avania, it must be paid by the Company, but not made a precedent of. In remonstrating against the 2,824 dollars paid by the treasurer in cambio, had no wish to diminish his lordship's entertainment, and knew not that he was concerned therein. Will admit Pietro, son of Signor Georgio Draperys, at his request, as giovane di lingua, with 100 dollars a year. Think the hatteeheriffe had better not be renewed at Aleppo, if the present one be substantial and full, as it would only be a precedent for charges for confirmations; if it be defective, the case is altered. The design of the convoy sent is concealed as a secret of State; the troubles prevent them sending out general ships, and put them to straits for money, yet send 30,500 dollars to avoid the excessive interest in Turkey. Request him to prevent the removal of their scales from Scanderoon to Tripoli, on pretence of advantage to the Grand Seignior, to protect their trade, and to lay aside all animosity and misapprehension. [*Levant Papers, Vol* v., *pp.* 119–125.]

Feb. 15. London. Levant Company to Mr. Hedges. Approve his drawing bills on them rather than taking up money on interest. Send a supply of 30,500 dollars. Suspend, during the war, the penalty imposed on factors who exceed the settled rates of freight. Blame his charging them with wishing to abridge the ambassador's allowance, by their objections against the surcharge of cambio. The minister is to have 200 dollars a year salary, 200 gratuity, and lodging and entertainment in the ambassador's house. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *pp.* 125–127.]

Feb. 15. London. Levant Company to Consul Cave. Send Rich. Langley to succeed the late Mr. Mowse as treasurer. The accounts must be audited and sent to them. Think he might have got moneys freely, or at six per cent. interest, from the factors, and not complied with their demand of Turkish interest of 18 per cent., and that on the Company's own moneys. Exceptions made to former accounts, Weymouth Carew's avania, convoy for ships, &c.; order him a gratuity of 1,400 dollars for the two years past, deducting only his charge for weighty money, which cannot be allowed while the consulage is received in current money. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *pp.* 127–9.]

Feb. 15. London. Levant Company to Rich. Langley. Have elected him, being a member of the Company, to succeed Richard Mowse as treasurer, salary 400 dollars a year; he is to be engaged to care and fidelity, both by security and by oath. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 130.] *Annexing,*

I. *Instructions for Rich. Langley, lately appointed treasurer at Smyrna, in reference to his transactions with the factors to prevent frauds; his disbursements of the Company's moneys; his attention to orders, &c.* [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v, *pp.* 130–133.]

Feb. 15. London. Levant Company to Consul Lannoy. The great judgment of the pestilence, of which the city and nation are not yet clear, has caused their silence. Will be compelled to allow the charges on Stanton

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and Bishop's affair, if there be no estate left to pay them, but this must not be made a precedent. Renewal of the hattecheriffe, &c.; will not allow Jas. Banks' expenses in coming to England. Will reprove the commanders of ships for leaving out the Company's goods, for their owners or their own interest, but they are still at Malaga on account of the dangers at sea. Praise his and the treasurer's thrift and management, and ask the names of those who resist their orders. Will subscribe and send him 100,000 dollars. [*Levant Papers, Vol* v., *pp.* 133–5.]

Feb. 15. Victualling Office. 14. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. The sea book of the Joseph hospital ship bears more than the number of 45 men, for which the ship is victualled; without orders from the Board, this cannot be allowed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 15. Woolwich. 15. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Wm. Clarkson was surveyor of the Morning Star in her building, and came home in her as carpenter, from the East Indies; he is a sufficient workman, and able to do good service; he came to the yard after he was pressed, and made a jeer of the service to the press-master's face; many others pressed have absented themselves, and gone to work in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

15. I. *List of 26 men pressed for Woolwich who have not appeared, or have left the service after working some time.*

Feb. 15. 16. Cancelled bill reduced from 212*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* to 200*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* due to Fras. Diggs, for hire and freight of the William and Francis to carry victuals, to the fleet from April 15, 1665, to Nov. 11 following. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

16. I. *Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that the William and Francis began to take in her lading 15th April last.*
*Victualling Office, May* 30, 1665.

16. II. *Certificate by James Burkett, builder, of the dimensions of the said ship.* *Jan.* 23, 1666.

16. III. *Certificate by Thos. Lewis that 70 tons of biscuit and beer were carried on board the said vessel.*
*Victualling Office, Feb.* 9, 1666.

16. IV. *Certificate by Fras. Diggs of the amount due for hire of the said ship for six months at 29l. 6s. per month, deducting an imprest of 31l. 3s.; total, 145l. 15s.*
*Feb.* 14, 1666.

16. V. *Memoranda of calculations relating to the payment of the said vessel.*

Feb. 15. Rotherhithe Wall. 17. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. The new third-rate frigate is almost finished, notwithstanding the obstructions; is denied masts from the stores without signing new terms, and they are not to be had elsewhere. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 15. 18. Robt. Mayors to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of 150 loads of Suffolk plank, tendered by Wm. Castell, at 4*l.* 10*s.* per load. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

18. 1. *Robt. Cooper to Wm. Castell. Offered him plank of* 40, 30, *and* 24 *feet long, and begs a reply. Will draw a bill on him for* 100*l.*, *and hopes good payment.*
*Yoxford, Jan.* 20, 1666.

Feb. 15. Portsmouth. 19. Account by Israel Pownoll of naval stores received from the St. John Baptist of Hamburg. [*Copy. Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 15. Certificates relating to the Swallow ketch; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

20. By John Fortescue, of her complete equipment as a water ship. April 21, 1665.

21. By Thos. Lewis, Feb. 12, of accounts passed by Capt. John Perryman, for the delivery of water casks and victuals to the fleet, but most of the receipts were signed by persons unknown, and no letter of lading produced for empty cask returned. With note by the Navy Comrs., Feb. 13, that his accounts are to be stated notwithstanding, on condition that he be answerable in future for cask entrusted to him.

22. By Jonas Shish, of the dimensions of the ship. With note by Capt. John Perryman to Shish, requesting the said certificate, to satisfy Thos. Hayter. London, Feb. 15, 1666.

Feb. 16. Woolwich. 23. Chris. Pett, master shipwright, to Thos. Turner. Recommends a parcel of sheaf reed of 18,000, tendered by Rich. Poole; begs him to acquaint the Navy Comrs., and get a contract made for it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. Plymouth. 24. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has no business to write about, the harbour being free of men-of-war; begs consideration for his great disbursements; is now out on his account 2,600*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. Woolwich Ropeyard. 25. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Comrs. Wants cordage; as yet there is but 1½ days' work done per day, but two days' work might be done now as well as in the longest day in summer, if required. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. Chatham. 26. Thos. Lewsley to the Navy Comrs. Has written to offer the 400*l.* advance upon Robinson's plank, telling him to come up to London to finish his contract; if he has not done so, offers to go down to him again, for if the goods be not secured out of hand, he will otherwise dispose of them; a hoy is arrived from Yarmouth, laden with plank from John Glide. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. Papers relating to the Sea Flower ketch, employed to victual the fleet; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

27. Certificate by Jonas Shish of her dimensions; burthen 64 tons. Sept. 13, 1665.

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28. Similar certificate, making the burthen 66 tons. Sept. 13, 1665.

29. Names and date of entry and discharge of the master, officers, and crew, from Feb. 14, 1665, to Sept. 5 following; certified by Thos. Helby, master. [2 *pages.*] Sept. 16, 1665.

30. Certificate by John Tooker of her discharge from service. Sept. 19, 1665.

31. Certificate by Thos. Lewis of accounts passed at the Victualling Office by Thos. Helby, master. Feb. 6, 1666.

32. Note by Thos. Helby that his contract for the hire of the said vessel was from Feb. 14, 1665, to Sept. 12 following; with certificate, that the amount due, at 24*l.* 15*s.* per month, is 187*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* Feb. 16, 1666.

33. Certificate by Thos. Helby, that his father, Stephen Helby, was master of the ketch from Feb. 14, 1665, to Feb. 25 following. Feb. 16, 1666.

34. Memoranda of calculations relative to the payment of the said vessel.

Feb. 16. The Friezland, Plymouth. 35. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Is just arrived; the agent promises to take the stores on shore forthwith; asks what is to be done when the goods are delivered. Noted "Come to Portsmouth." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. Dover. 36. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of the Drake. The ten lasts of tar cannot be got out of the ship because of the flax and hemp above it; the hemp is stopped by the Duke of Albemarle's order for the King's use, but there is no ropemaker there to make it out. Has delivered all the great cables in store to the Golden Lion; others must be hastened down. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 16. 37. Petition of Robert Bloome and William Thompson, merchants of Hull, to the King and Council. Have paid 700*l.* to Sir Jordan Crosland, for the Swedish ship Smith, brought into Scarborough, and 100*l.* more for conveying her to Hull, and prizage, &c. there, they are now ordered to restore her for 400*l.*, in as good condition as at her capture, though Sir Jordan had taken much of her rigging and tackle before they bought her; request that he may return them all the money paid by them for the ship, and that the deputy governor of Hull may adjust the differences between them.

Feb. 16. Grant to Anthony Shirley, of Preston, Sussex, of the dignity of a baronet; with discharge in the usual form. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 16. London. 38. H. Muddiman to ———. The declaration of war with France gives general satisfaction; several lusty young fellows have offered themselves for the expedition. The Fairfax and other ships near Flanders chased 15 Dutch men-of-war under Evertsen to Flushing; they wanted to pass through the Channel to the Straits;

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there are 34 ships of war in the Downs. Next month it is hoped that Prince Rupert and the Lord General will sail in the Royal Charles, with 100 good ships. The Earl of St. Albans has gone to France to fetch home the Queen-Mother, after she has taken the waters. A frigate has gone for Lord Holles. The Hollanders have not resolved about the land forces; their East India Company is to pay 120,000*l.* instead of ships. There are 1,000 of the Bishop of Munster's forces who have plundered and fortified themselves in several villages. On the 13th, several sea commanders who had served under Prince Rupert invited him to dinner, and spoke cheerfully of going again together against the Dutch. The lieutenancy of London have met to fill up the vacancies caused by the sickness. Death of Sir Arthur Slingsby, Lady Roos, daughter of the Marquis of Dorchester, and the Earl of Newport, who will be succeeded in the bedchamber by Lord Mandeville. It is expected that the Emperor will go to war against the Dutch. The Queen is to be at Whitehall to night, but the Duchess of York, being with child, will go no further than Hampton Court. The Earl of Sandwich goes for Spain on Thursday. Deaths in London 249, of plague 59; Ipswich 16, of plague 11; Colchester 28, of plague 25; Yarmouth 6, of plague 5; Norwich 22, of plague 4. His letters are to be directed to John Cooke's, secretary to Sir Wm. Morice. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 16. 39. List of 19 foreign shipmasters, with the names of their ships and the goods reclaimed by them. Signed by each in attestation that the goods claimed belonged to their respective ships and crews, and that no Frenchmen nor Dutchmen are concerned therein. Sworn before Sir John Frederic, justice of peace for London. Endorsed "Petition of the foreign masters, with a list of their goods claimed."

Feb. 17. Weymouth. 40. Edw. Carteret to Williamson. Thanks for favours and professions of service. A bark from Guernsey says that the French in rhodomontade say they will make a breakfast of Jersey, a dinner of Guernsey, a collation of Scotland and Ireland, and a supper of England. Hopes they will join Opdam at the bottom of the sea, and Cromwell who is in the ground. Is very sorry not to regain Jersey; has been three times driven back by winds. There are said to be 6,000 men at Coutance, preparing for the islands. [*French.*]

Feb. 17. Bruges. 41. Balance of account between Lord Arlington and John Ford.

[Feb. 17.] 42. Declaration of the King's approval of the election of Hen. Marquis of Dorchester, in place of the late Earl of Clare, as recorder of Nottingham. [*Draft.*]

Feb. 17. 43. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. The new ship Defiance is gone to Longreach; desires a warrant for her survey, as to the finishing according to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 17. The Resolution, Spithead. 44. Capt. Willoughby Harman to the Earl of Sandwich. Is arrived in company with the West Friezland, and five sail of convoys. Has all his lordship's goods on board, with three of his servants. Wants the 50 men promised by the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. Bristol. 45. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Baylie's ship will be ready to launch next April. Is sorry he cannot give the same account of his own. Begs removal of his obstructions Gives dimensions of the ship; can procure no masts in Bristol but at a great rate; tar and pitch are also very high, tar 40*s.* per barrel, and pitch 20*s.* per cwt. Deals are much wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

45. I. *Account by Furzer of the dimensions of masts and yards required for the new ship building in the Forest of Dean. Feb.* 17, 1666.

Feb. 17. Woolwich. 46. Chris. Pett to Sir Wm. Warren. Desires a hoy of elm timber sent to Deptford to be sent down to Woolwich immediately. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. Bristol. 47. Capt. Walter Morgan, of the Pearl, to the Navy Comrs. The men of the Pearl, hearing they were to be transferred to the Milford, have absented themselves. Has applied to the mayor for warrants to his officers and constables for apprehending and securing them. Asks how to dispose of them. Will turn over the others to the captain of the Milford, bring up the books and accounts, and deliver up the ship and stores, according to order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. Portsmouth. 48. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of ships. The Essex men have been 14 days in health. A master is wanted for the Providence. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. Chatham Dock. 49. Phin. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Another freight of knees will be required to complete the Victory. Thirty shipwrights' servants are ordered to be discharged without his sanction; this will prove a great discouragement to their masters, who are mostly pressed and quarter men; it will be far greater advantage to continue them until the Victory is finished; much better discharge some of the decrepid and fanatic shipwrights themselves, who add to the charge and do very little service. Begs that the persons to be discharged may be nominated by himself, so that the able and industrious may be kept, and all loitering boys and bunglers got rid of. Does not wish to make the King's yard a hospital, and thus raise the price of shipwrights' work there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. Whitehall. 50. Order from Sir Wm. Coventry for the same allowance of salary to be paid to Alexander Harris, appointed his messenger for Navy affairs, as to his late messenger, Edward Proctor. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. Sayes Court. 51. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. The King is well pleased with what was shown him of the infirmary at Chatham, which was

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explained to him at large. If it is thought worthy of recommendation to the Duke of York, would be glad to hear of the success, being still as assured of its effects as ever; it is time something was resolved on before the spring advances. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. The Milford, King Road. 52. Capt. Rich. White to the Navy Comrs. Has received the masts and yards required, and taken a fortnight's provision on board. Shall be ready to sail as soon as the captain of the Pearl makes over his men, who are very backward in appearing. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 17. Bristol. 53. John Willonghby, mayor of Bristol, to Sir Wm. Coventry. The seamen of the Pearl express great unwillingness to go on board the Milford, alleging the tediousness of their passage by reason of the nnmber that will be crowded together; they beg leave to go by land to Portsmouth, and there go aboard the navy; they request punctual payment of their wages there. A vessel is arrived from Faroe, with news of Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron having passed Cape St. Mary in good condition. There is hope of the recovery of the George frigate, damaged near Padstow; asks how to dispose of 50 of her crew left behind in Bristol. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Feb. 18. Dover. 54. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Begs payment of arrears; that port is much troubled for want of money, but dares not leave his charge to come up to London about it; "necessity causeth me to crye helpe, helpe, for the Lord's sake." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 18. Portsmouth. 55. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Will send the Franakin to Gravesend according to order. Mr. Tymbrill is coming to London about the iron. Asks how to dispose of the Good Hope when unladen. The Hampshire, Oxford, and Happy Return will shortly be at Spithead. Three men landed at Porchester Castle from the Essex are since dead of the plague; that ship coming into dock will frighten the workmen and endanger the whole yard. What can be done shall be done to forward the business in hand, but the men are driven off their legs, their only hope being that the night work is almost at an end; it would have been impossihle to hold ont but for the continued fair weather. Will bny any hemp that presents itself. The Frankland shall be sent to Harwich; has got an able carpenter for her. More than half of the shipwrights have not earned 6*d.* a day, still "necessity must be submitted to," and they coiild not have been done without. Remembers saying to the Earl of Sandwich last year, "let the King's work be done and mine not charged." The Lion and Swallow, with other ships in convoy, have set sail. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

Feb. 18. 56. Andrew King to Williamson. Persons talk of some disquiet, and a soldier under the usurpation has laid a wager that next year there will not be a bishop left in England. The non-conforming clergy are come to London, have private lodgings, will preach and be heard.

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Feb. 18. Wallingford. 57. Ant. Leaver, mayor, and 13 other Burgesses of Wallingford to the King. Certify that Ant. Barker, of the Middle Temple, their recorder, died last January, and that they have now chosen Rich. Holloway, of the Inner Temple, and beseech his approval thereof. [*Original signatures.*]

Feb. 19 58. Leonard Williams to Lord Arlington. Was not dismissed, but required to continue in London; begs consideration, having paid more than his account comes to, though he may not depend on his salary any longer. Will serve His Majesty by land or sea, but if that may not be, begs a letter to the Duke of Ormond, to give him employment in Ireland.

Feb. 19. 59. Chas. Chellingworth to Williamson. If he and Lord Arlington do not like the Leghorn Gazettes in Italian, will translate the most needful parts for them.

Feb. 19. The King to the University of Cambridge. Gives leave for prolonging the time fixed for the profession of Bachelors, being the Wednesday before the first Sunday in Lent, to any who, on account of their being detained in a town by the plague, cannot without great danger to Cambridge be present. The same to be done any year when the plague threatens. [*Latin. Ent. Book* 19, *p.* 53.]

[Feb. 19.] 60. Copy of a portion of the above.

Feb. 19. 61. Draft of a portion of the above.

Feb. 19. Warrant for an order to the Commissioners for Prizes to sell to Sir Jordan Crosland the ship Black Bear, a prize, by contract to the best advantage. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 22.]

Feb. 19. Bristol. 62. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The last warrant for the land carriage of timber named only one justice belonging to Gloucestershire; it is not the lack of warrants that hinders the bringing in of timber, but their remaining so long unexecuted. Hopes he shall not receive blame for plainly declaring the condition of things, although he is maligned by those who are worthy of blame for acting the contrary. Unless some speedy course be taken, the ship cannot, in common reason, be built; is ashamed and grieved to see so much precious time and seasonable weather lost. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

62. I. *Request for a new warrant; with note of the names of the justices required to be inserted. The number of loads for carriage is* 180, *and the place whence the timber is to be conveyed is the Forest of Dean.*

Feb. 19. Chatham Dock. 63. Phin. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 19. Portsmouth. 64. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The six masts ordered for Plymouth are gone in the Friezland; has not one in port fit for a mainmast for the new ship building in Dean Forest; has had much trouble about the broken anchor of the Barbadoes Merchant; believes it was done by the Royal Charles, but it is a hard matter to know; some recompense ought to be made, for in all such cases the Court of Admiralty allows damage. Account of stores demanded for the Resolution and West Friezland; it is strange that, coming so lately from the fountain head, they should want so many things. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

64. I. *Bill due to Wm. Stanley, merchant, for rosin and deals; total,* 363*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* *With note that the original was lost in a letter during the time of the plague, and Comr. Middleton's recommendation that another be made out.* *Aug.* 18, 1665.

64. II. *List of things necessary for the West Friezland and Resolution.*

Feb. 19. Yarmouth. 65. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. The Sweepstakes is ready to put into water; the water pumped into her has remained five days; will provide nothing but what is necessary; a supply of hammocks for the sailors would be convenient. The prize ship Milkmaid is new, and likely to be serviceable for fetching masts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 19. Norwich. 66. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Promises due care in fitting out the new frigate Sweepstakes. The Edgars are still humble suitors for the payment of their two bills. The Milkmaid prize, fitting to carry masts, is from Flentend, near Amsterdam. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 19. Victualling Office. 67. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. Does not know of any provisions delivered to the Sea-Venture smack, Jas. Wardell, master, but a vessel of that name received in June last a proportion for eight men 84 days, for which Capt. Wm. Berry gave his receipt. Cost of provisions, including cask and bags, 26*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

67. I. *Certificate by John Harman, that James Wardell, master of the Sea-Venture smack, attended the Resolution from June* 11, 1665, *to Nov.* 1 *following.* *Jan.* 11, 1666.

Feb. 19. Portsmouth. 68. Ben. Johnson, storekeeper, to the Navy Comrs. Although his salary was increased by the Duke of York to 100*l.* a year, he has only received at the rate of 50*l.*; his assistants are only allowed ordinary labourers' wages; has no servant remaining in the dock at night, in case of accidents, and no choice in the watch, although chargeable with all the stores within and without; for 12 months past, for want of money in advance, has been obliged

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to borrow 104*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* on his own credit, to pay poor people for picking oakum; begs redress. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

68. I. *John Tinker, master attendant, to Sam. Pepys. Has been on board the Slothany with Capt. Saunders, but found only two seamen fit to take, the rest were soldiers and boys; the men, having an inkling of being turned over, are gone off; it is intended to ransack Portsmouth and Gosport for them.* *Portsmouth.*

Feb. 19. Three certificates relating to the Constant John; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

69. By Capt. John Fortescue, of her complete equipment as a water ship, hired for the King's service. April 24, 1665.

70. By Thos. Lewis, of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by James Blake, commander, but no bills of lading produced for empty cask returned. With note that the said accounts are to be stated, on condition that Capt. Blake shall be accountable for all cask in future entrusted to him. Victualling Office, Feb. 14, 1666

71. By Jonas Shish, of the dimensions of the ship. Feb. 19, 1666.

Feb. 19. Three certificates relating to the Mary and Elizabeth pink, hired for the King's service; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

72. By Capt. John Fortescue, of her complete equipment according to contract. April 14, 1665.

73. By Thos. Lewis, of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by Thos. Parker, master. Victualling Office, Jan. 31, 1666.

74. By Edw. Sparkes, jun., that no ammunition has been delivered to her out of the Ordnance Office. Tower, February 19, 1666.

Feb. 19. Two certificates relating to the Joseph hospital ship; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

75. By Capt. Geo. Erwin, of her readiness to sail, and dimensions. June 24, 1665.

76. By Thos. Lewis, of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by Rich. Tyler, purser. Victualling Office, Feb. 19, 1666.

Feb. 19. Surgeons' Hall. 77. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Matthew Clarke is appointed surgeon of the Prince Royal, and Thomas Nash of the Providence in his stead; desires bills for both. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. Portsmouth. 78. St. J. Steventon, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Begs payment of his imprest bill of 800*l.*, to stop the clamours of the poor pressed men and others, who can get no further credit where they are quartered; the broom men dare not go home for fear of their creditors; the carpenters who have worked all winter have to go to sea with their ships without clothes, which makes those behind careless whether they work or not. Was ordered by

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Sir Wm. Coventry to pay Mr. Street 16*l.*, for impressing seamen in the West country, but could only raise 3*l.*, even by borrowing. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. Papers relating to the London Stone ketch; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

79. Certificate by Capt. John Fortescue of her readiness for service. April 11, 1665.

80. Statement by Jas. Palmer, that the master, Wm. Stone, did not receive the canvas as warranted. Harwich, August 25, 1665.

81. Receipt by Thos. Harper, for leather hose, buckets, and old hammocks returned from the said ketch. Dec. 14, 1665.

82. Certificate by Thos. Lewis of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by the master. Victualling Office, Feb. 3, 1666.

83. Dimensions of the ketch taken by Thos. Bettrice before Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor. Feb. 20, 1666.

Feb. 20. Norwich. 84. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. Proposes to deliver in eight months two masts equal in value to the two which he required out of the stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. The Clove Tree, Portsmouth. 85. Capt. John Chappell to the Navy Comrs. Wants men for fitting up the ship. All his company were taken away by Sir Chris. Myngs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. The Milford, King Road. 86. Capt. Rich. White to the Navy Comrs. Is ready to sail, only waits the delivery of the Pearl's men, who are very backward in repairing on board. There is abundance of lusty seamen in the streets of the city [Bristol]. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. Wapping. 87. Capt. Isaac Woodgreene to Thos. Hayter. Wants two of the Navy Comrs.' hands to clear his carpenter, Elias Davies, pressed into a fire-ship from the Prudent Mary. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. Whitehall. 88. Col. H. Norwood to Sir John Mennes. The bearer, Geo. Pattison, is the person to whom Sir Wm. Coventry promised a jack for the Employment ketch, laden with stores for Tangiers. Endorsed with an order for its delivery. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. The Golden Hand, Yarmouth Roads. 89. Habbakuk Wiles, master, to the Navy Comrs. Sailed out of Yarmouth Roads on the 14th instant, with five men-of-war; was driven back by contrary winds. A small Dutch man-of-war was pursued by the Lion. Lost the other ships during a thick fog. Hears that the Prince William is taken, and that there are Hollanders ahead of 40 guns apiece. Knows not whether to venture northward. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. Portsmouth. 90. Capt. Chas. O'Bryen, of the West Friezland, to the Navy Comrs. Hears nothing of his purser. Has but nine weeks' victuals on board. His proportion is to be equal with the Resolution. Cannot get the sails changed without a new order. [*Adm. Paper.*].

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Feb. 20. Ordnance Office. 91. Edw. Sherburne, Rich. March, and George Clarke to the Navy Comrs. Will remove the brass guns from Plymouth by the Friezland. Their agent will have them ready and lay them on board as soon as the ship arrives. Capt. Fernes will give account of stores supplied him according to order. Have ordered the White Swan prize to be delivered up to the Commissioners for Prizes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. London. 92. Wm. Strihley to the Navy Comrs. Upon receiving the warrant to be master of the Elizabeth, wrote to the captain, then in the Downs, and embarked all his necessaries ready to join the ship, but received an answer that another man was appointed by Sir Chris. Myngs, and the ship had already sailed. Begs some other employment. With note of a promise that the next ship should be given to him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. Stockholm. 93. Memorial of the price of merchandise in brass and iron, and of pitch, tendered by the directors of the factory of the general counting house, Sweden, to be delivered free of imposition and charge, at the risk of the King of England, upon payment of one third by advance at the signing of the contract, and two thirds at the delivery of the merchandise; with the current prices thereof in Sweden. [*French, 3 pages.*]

Feb. 20. 94. Translation of the above. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Feb. 20. Deptford. 95. Jonas Shish and Humphry Cadbury to the Navy Comrs. About three years ago, when some of the King's masts drifted away in foul weather, one of Mr. Wood's masts, of 11 hands, being then adrift in the river, was taken up with the rest, brought to Deptford, and really expended in the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. The Revenge. 96. Capt. Thos. Elliott to Sir Wm. Coventry. Wants nothing but provisions to be complete for service. Has disbursed 40*l.* 5*s.* for necessaries in the Sapphire, and cannot get it back from the purser. Fears a further delay for wood and candles. Rear-Admiral Harman has taken his second lieutenant for the Henry. Recommends Edw. Webb to supply his place. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 20. Portsmouth. 97. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. The victualler's agent is dissatisfied with the survey of bread on board the Lion. Caused the damaged bread to be brought ashore and sold to defray expenses. The victualler thinks himself the fittest man to receive and sell the King's provisions. Begs that the question may be decided. If provisions are fit to be issued to other ships, the victualler ought to have them; but if unfit, the surveyor may sell them to as good advantage. On board the Mary, some of the victuals are good and some unserviceable. The Commissioners at Portsmouth will not decide what shall be returned or what sold. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Feb. 20. 98. Certificate by the Farmers of the Customs that Thos. Walker, late of the Diamond, is fit to take charge as master of any of His Majesty's ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 20. 99. H. M[uddiman] to Rich. Watts. Will send him weekly correspondence and gazette, post free, if he will continue his letters, and direct them to John Cook, secretary to Sir Wm. Morice.

Feb. 20. Petworth. 100. Dr. Ri. Rawlinson to Williamson. Begs that letters for him may be sent to Northumberland House. There is a press for soldiers out. Asks a certificate from Lord Arlington or Sir Wm. Coventry, in order to show it if the press master should challenge either of the two men who do his business at the living.

Feb. 20. Harwich. 101. [Comr. John] Taylor to Lord Arlington. The Blackamoor pink has come in. The Hare, a great fire-ship, was set on fire by the dropping of a candle, and there has been much ado to save the Hulk and two storeships. Hears that one or more men are lost.

Feb. 20. Edinburgh. 102. Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. The ejected ministers convocate hundreds and thousands of people, chiefly armed, and the tumults are not repressed. Hopes his counsels will be heard before it is too late. If the King could be taken at disadvantage, disaffection would quickly appear.

Feb. 20. Westminster. 103. Commission to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and 23 others, to prorogue Parliament to April 23, when it is to meet at Westminster. [*Latin*, 1½ *pages*.]

Feb. 20. Whitehall. 104. Petition of John Richards, the Queen's gentleman usher and quarter waiter, to the King, for an order to the Board of Greencloth to put him on board wages, according to His Majesty's promise to the Queen-Mother. Was admitted three years ago one of the seven ushers, and was to be one of the four to receive board wages, but another person was sworn in instead. With reference to the Board of Greencloth, and their report, March 26, 1666, that if any complaint is made, it must be to the Lord Chamberlain, as they have allowed the full money set apart for the gentleman ushers.

Feb. 20. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 197.]

Feb. 21. Order granting the petition of Wm. Johnson to be mustered in Hull, and directing that in compassion to his present wants, and from regard to his former good services and loyalty, he be considered as a reformado in Capt. Wheeler's company. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 197.]

Feb. 21. 105. Complaint [by James Hickes] against the Postmasters of the Derby road, that the weekly mails from Dec. 29 to Feb. 9 came in a day too late; that admonition thereon was given by label to the postmasters, and that by returns from the several postmasters, Thos. Palmer of Harborough appears most guilty of neglect, for he does not date the labels, though often admonished, and has not written to vindicate himself from neglect. [1¼ *pages*.]

[Feb. 21.] 106. Declaration in Council of the King's appointment of Sir John Robinson and five others, as commissioners to distribute the gra-

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tuities promised by his declaration of 28th October 1664, to the widows and orphans of such as have fallen in the late expedition at sea, or may be employed in the fleet. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

106. I. *Instructions by the Council to the said Commissioners for their examination into the several cases, and their disposal of the money in safe custody for the benefit of the young children, to be reserved for them till they are put apprentice or married.* [1½ *pages.*]

106. II. *"A table of gratuities for the relations of such as are slain in His Majesty's service," graduating from 200l. for the widow and 50l. for each unmarried child of the captain of a first-rate ship, to 5l. for the widow or mother and 2l. each unmarried child of the seamen.*

Feb. 21. Warrant to the Ordnance Comrs. to pay 100*l.* a year to Edward Sherburne, clerk of the Ordnance, as additional salary. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 24.]

Feb. 21. Like warrant for Jonas Moore, assistant to the Surveyor of Ordnance, to have 100*l.* addition to his present annuity. Minute. [*Ent Book* 23, *p.* 24.]

[Feb. 21.] 107. Draft of a warrant for the two preceding payments.

Feb. 21. Order for a warrant to deliver thirty tuns of French wine to the Marquis de Saudé, Portuguese ambassador extraordinary, custom free. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 25.]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. Declaration of the King's approval of Henry, Marquis of Dorchester, elected recorder of Nottingham, in place of the Earl of Clare, deceased. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 25–6.]

Feb. 21. Warrant to pay to John Rose, keeper of St. James' Park Gardens, in place of the late Gabriel and And. Mollet, 240*l.* a year. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 21. The Blackamoor, Harwich. 108. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Begs an order for washing and tallowing, and a new boat. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 21. Dover. 109. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Colchester ketch has brought in two Dutch prizes laden with cheeses, salmon, and herrings; wants tallow, thrums, and canvas; also cables and anchors for Sir Chris. Myngs' fleet; is distressed for money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 21. The Hardreen, Yarmouth. 110. John Coudre to the Navy Comrs. Has been to sea, but was obliged to put back by contrary winds. The Prince William is certainly taken. The Little Victory is the only convoy left. The Dutch are so insolent that a small man-of-war of three or four guns anchored within two leagues of about 150 sail; she was chased by the Little Lion, but lost at night. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 21. The Hardreen, Yarmouth Roads. 111. John Coudre to the Navy Comrs. There are fourteen or fifteen sail sighted to the eastward; cannot tell what they are. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 21. Chatham Ropeyard. 112. John Owen, clerk of the ropeyard, to the Navy Comrs. Desires a bill for the 70*l.* unpaid upon the last imprest of 150*l.* Only received 80*l.* from Woodcott; he detained 50*l.* upon the plea that Mr. Stephens had stopped it, and said he would send the remaining 20*l.* in a few days. This information was false, but before any process could be taken, Woodcott died. No money was found in his house, but bills and tickets and other papers, many of which are claimed by others. Begs the Commissioners to dispose of them, and satisfy the clamours the people make about them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 21. Bristol. 113. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has agreed with the blockmaker for blocks under 12 inches at 1*d.* per inch, from 12 to 19 inches at 1½*d.*, and above 18 inches at 2*d.* Sends a sample of sailcloth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 21. Kinsale. 114. Wm. Penn, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Sends two muster-books, for want of a fitter way of tendering them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 21. London. 115. Wm. Porter to the Navy Comrs. Requests a warrant for John Man to be carpenter of the Loyal Subject. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. 116. Capt. Geo. Cock to Sam. Pepys. Requests orders to Wm. Bodham to receive the hemp out of two Billanders, now at Woolwich, and to weigh off what is intended for Chatham. The rest of his contract is expected. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. 117. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Grey has no masts large enough for the new ship Defiance; if two can be supplied from the stores, will agree to return two of the same size in eight months' time, or make two of the same scantlings upon two months' warning. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. The Providence. 118. Capt. Rich. James to the Navy Comrs. Is destitute of a master for the ship. Expects to come out of dock the next spring tide. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. Hampton Court. 119. Thos. Gumble to Sam. Pepys. Is prevented by ill-health from performing his duty as chaplain of the Royal Charles; it is the Duke of Albemarle's pleasure that Mr. Oates should officiate in his stead. Asks what advance was made to the Duke of York's chaplains last year, and where to apply for the like. Mr. Oates is at present chaplain of the Sapphire. Begs that the captain may be written to, to excuse his attendance there, and to send a ticket for his past service; is unwilling to quit the Sapphire, for the love he bears the captain. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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Feb. 22. Papers relating to the Sarah and Elizabeth, hired as a water ship; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

120. Certificate by Capt. John Fortescue of her complete equipment. April 24, 1665.

121. Certificate by Thos. Lewis of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by Ellis Osborne, commander; but many of the receipts given are by persons unknown, and no bills of lading are produced for empty cask returned. Victualling Office, Feb. 8, 1666.

122. Memorandum by Thos. Harper of goods returned into the stores at Deptford by Ellis Osborne; one suit of colours is worn out. February 22, 1666.

123. Memorandum of the date of entry and discharge, measurement of the vessel, and amount due for hire and freight; total, 430*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

Feb. 22. Portsmouth. 124. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Is content to accept the assignment mentioned, on condition that one half of what is contracted for be charged on the first three months, and the other half on the next three months. Asks what quantity of each sort of goods will be required, and in what time. Proposes the Guernsey to convoy her son's two small vessels, laden with drapery goods, to the Cape, where they may take 150 seamen, who have travelled from Rochelle to St. Malo for passage, and bring back Noyals canvas in return. Can supply no more cordage without an advance in price. Begs that 1,000*l.* of her old debt may be speedily paid. Has run herself out of purse and out of credit, and scarce dares show her face. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. Portsmouth. 125. Israel Pownoll to the Navy Comrs. Begs that his extra allowance of 10*l.* a year, for taking the provisions of the out stores, may be paid by bill, and that some consideration may be made for past services. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. Lisbon. 126. Capt. Henry Osgood, commander of the Fox, to Sir George Cateret. Has charged his bills of exchange with 31*l.* 19*s.*, received from Robert Cock for the repairs of the Fox. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. Portsmouth. 127. Chris. Eveling to the Navy Comrs. Is on board the Wivenhoe ketch, and finds orders for taking away all the men but 25, with which number he cannot sail the ship nor weigh an anchor; asks if 50 may be left, that in case of capturing any vessel, there may be enough to man her and sail the ketch as well; some of the men have gone up to London to get tickets from their old commanders, not intending to return. Noted "If he cannot, another can." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. Gravesend. 128. Rich. Elkin, muster master, to the Navy Comrs. Account of 12 ships in the Hope and at Gravesend, with date of arrival and number of men on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 22. Portsmouth. 129. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Crown of Malaga, a new ship taken in the first voyage outward, is employed for taking in guns and other materials from ships sent in to grave; it is a pity so good a ship should not be put to more advantage; proposes the Good Hope for that purpose, and the Crown of Malaga to be sent to sea, a good firm ship in lieu of an old one. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. London. 130. The African Company to the Navy Comrs. Desire a quick dispatch in clearing the accounts of the King Ferdinando, freighted by the Royal Company and afterwards turned over to the King's service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 22. 131. Petition of Ezekias King, late rector of Fulmer, co. Cambridge, to the King, for permission to continue his residence in London; has preached since the Act of Oblivion, and is thereby concerned in the Act for restraining Nonconformists from inhabiting corporations, but has not preached since 24th August, 1662, and never resorts to unlawful assemblies; often attends service at church, is 70 years old, and sickly. *Annexing.*

131. I. *Certificate by Rich. Minshull, and 14 others, of his scholarship and abilities for the ministry. Dec* 5, 1660.

131. II. *Certificate by John Meriton, rector of St. Michael, Cornhill, in favour of the petitioner. Feb.* 21, 1666.

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Feb. 23. 1. Certificate by Wm. Roberts and Wm. Pulteney, that John Nelthorpe, of Gray's Inn, was active in the restoration, and has an estate of 1,000*l.* a year in Middlesex and elsewhere.

Feb. 23? 2. Request that the baronet's warrant granted to Rob. Carr, now in Newfoundland, be filled in the name of John Nelthorpe, of Gray's Inn, with remainder to Goddard Nelthorpe.

Feb. 23. Warrant to pay to Henry Eyres and John Frances, churchwardens, 100*l.* for the poor of St. Martin's in the Fields. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 23. Warrant to pay to Sir George Downing, late envoy at the Hague, 300*l.*, to be by him paid to Nich. Oudart, for expenses of his imprisonment in Holland, and 700*l.* for transportation of Sir George's wife, &c., from Holland. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 23. Grant to Andrew Haynes, of London, in place of Mr. Foulke, of the office of Waiter in the port of London. [*Docquet.*]

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Feb. 23. 3. Notice by John Tooker that the Robert and John ketch and Hopeful hoy, taken up to transport soldiers from the Tower to the Nore, desire protection for their men; also that the Sub-Commissioners for Prizes will order the delivery of the hemp, upon payment of expenses thereon. February 21 and 23. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 23. Dover. 4, 5. Schedule of letters of credit granted by Mr. Hosier, for supply of provisions to 27 ships since January 1, 1666. Two papers. [*Adm. Papers.*]

Feb. 23. Watermen's Hall. 6. Rulers and Overseers of the Watermen's Company to the Navy Comrs. The petition exhibited against Thos. Martin, the person entrusted with the payment of money to poor watermen and their widows, out of the Treasury Office, is proved to be a false and scandalous paper; the persons whose names are subscribed as complainants deny their hands; it is believed to be the malice of some private person; beg that Thos. Martin may be continued in his employment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 23. Certificates relating to the John hoy of Chatham; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

7. By Phin. Pett, of the dimensions of the hoy.
Chatham Dock, Feb. 7, 1666.

8. By Roger Cuttance, of the attendance of Henry Adams, master of the John hoy, upon the Prince Royal from February 17, 1665, until his discharge, and his faithful performance of his duty during that time. Feb 10, 1666.

9. By Sir Thos. Allin, of the discharge of Henry Adams from attendance upon the Prince Royal, on December 23, 1665.

10. By Chris. Venman, of the victualling of the said hoy from the Prince Royal, and the clearing of all accounts.
Feb. 12, 1666.

11. By Edw. Sherburne and Rich. March, of the delivery of the remainder of her gunner's stores into the Ordnance Office.
Ordnance Office, Feb. 23, 1666.

Feb. 23. Woolwich. 12. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Progress of ships in dock; wishes 40 shipwrights and 20 calkers might be sent down from Chatham, as they have men to spare there; a Gottenburg mast is wanted for the new ship, also plank, knees, and standards; the smith can no longer answer the necessity of the service without 200*l.* or 300*l.* to procure material. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Feb. 23. Whitehall. 13. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. The gunner and carpenter appointed for the new ship at Bristol are ordered down thither, to press 150 men each. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. Ipswich. 14. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. There have been no bullocks nor hogs killed for the last fortnight; 90 tuns of beer have been

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brewed, and a considerable quantity of biscuit baked; no ships are at present under victualling. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

14. I. *Schedule of letters of credit granted by Andrew Crawley for supply of provisions to four ships in Ipswich, during the month of January.*

Feb. 24. 15. T. Harper to Sam. Pepys. Sends five patterns of canvas with the prices. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. Bristol. 16. Walter Morgan to the Navy Comrs. Has delivered the Pearl into the custody of her owners, and made over as many men as were left on board the Milford; the rest have enlisted under Capt. Wood, who is there with an order to procure what men he can for the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. The Prince Royal. 17. Rich. Cooper to Comr. Peter Pett. Can stow above 225 tuns of beer, or 230 tuns if in small cask, besides 36 tuns of water, and three or four months' dry provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. Roe ketch, Dover. 18. Capt. James Lock to the Navy Comrs. Has brought in five prizes, and put a small French man-of-war ashore on the coast of France; wishes to come up the river for a new mast; there are none suitable at Dover. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. 19. Jonas Shish to [the Navy Comrs.]. Repairs of ships; the works in hand are much hindered for want of ironwork. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. Chatham. 20. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The Royal James and Royal Oak are in the Hope; four other ships will be sent there shortly; hopes to launch the Victory next week, if the pressed men have but their board wages by then. Asks directions about the Spread Eagle and Happy Entrance. Had scarcely time to wait on the Earl of Sandwich before his leaving. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. Seven Stars, near York House, Strand. 21. Wm. Cooke to Sam. Pepys. Is directed by the Commissioners for Prizes to give notice that Capt. Browne, a privateer, has brought into Salcombe, near Dartmouth, a small French vessel, called the All Saints, with 113 barrels of white oakum on board; if this will be useful for the service, directions to preserve it must be sent to the African House, London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 24. York. 22. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. The country is still on their guard on the coasts. Was told that Muddiman was not to hold correspondence in public affairs, but he does so still, gets accounts of transactions, and has them sent to John Cook, at Sec. Morice's. It will be very material to waken the postmasters, for they have been eight hours between London and Ware, &c. Those between York and Edinburgh are equally negligent: wishes he had authority to keep them in awe.

Feb. 24. 23. H. Muddiman to [his Correspondents]. James Hickes, a little fellow of the post office, having written about him, informs them

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that, on a misunderstanding with Williamson about the Gazette, he has quitted that office, turned his correspondents to Sec. Morice, and will write fully and constantly as before. Has discovered Hickes in some practices, and has not therefore given him his letters to sign, nor a copy of them to write after. [*Copy, by Hickes.*]

Feb. 24. Warrant to pay to Sir John Shaw, Bart., 400*l.*, for a present made to Dr. Patricio Muledy, and 300*l.* for a like present to Dr. Bernardo de Salinas. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 26.]

Feb. 25. 24. "Advices received:"—

Harwich, Feb. 24: A French shallop of two guns chased the Honoræa of Plymouth, of eight or nine guns, and the master of the latter forsaking her, she was taken, although a ketch and a galliot were sent out in chase.

Yarmouth, Feb. 24: A vessel sailed from London, but returned, the coast being full of capers; six shallops and three men-of-war are between there and the Nore, and 14 men-of-war and two galliots between Winterton and Cromer.

Deal, Feb. 24: Guns were heard to the east all Thursday; Capt. Wagger of the Crown came sick on shore and died; there are 10 of the King's ships in the Downs; Capt. Fortescue of the Loyal Subject commands in Sir Chris. Myngs' absence.

Feb. 25. Pembroke. 25. Fras. Malory to James Haker [Hickes], Letter office. Is a stranger in those parts. The King's concerns are much abused by the officers of posts; only two of his six letters came to hand, and now three weekly intelligences come all together. Thinks that on account of the customs and victualling office at Pembroke, the post should rather come there than to Haverfordwest. Wishes Thos. Price of Pembroke might be nominated to receive the letters, those for the King's use being often detained and opened, and never sent away by the post. Was prevented from making several seizures, because the letters were kept in; the harbour is considerable for news; three Frenchmen from the St. John of Dieppe, driven by weather to Waterford, have been put in by a small vessel from Ireland; their vessel, laden with Barbary hides, elephants' teeth, ostrich feathers, &c., was seized for the King, and the company dispersed. There is no preparation for the management of that port, as there is in other places, but people may be fetched from their beds by pickeroons. With note from Hickes [to Williamson] that the road and other things concerning the King's service should be regulated.

Feb. 25. Sudbury. 26. Examination of Sam. Ker, surgeon, before Edw. Talbot and John Snelling. Came from Rotterdam three weeks ago, and landed at Dover; thence went to Southwark, and thence to Sudbury, with his sister, Barbary Dowey, who came to see her husband, John Hamilton, a prisoner; went with her to the prison, and gave a letter which he had for John Dresdell, another prisoner, but neither spoke to nor had letters for any other prisoner. Is returning to London; came over without licence, but in obedience to the King's declaration, and had the serjeant's leave to go to the prison. He

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reports that Denmark is to furnish the Hollanders with 40 and the French with 60 ships; Rotterdam provides 16 new ships, and the other provinces 40; Capt. Darell, a great fanatic in Dunkirk, is threatened with an action of wrong imprisonment.

Feb. 25. The Royal Katherine. 27. Certificate by John Littlejohn, master, and seven others, of the capability of the Royal Katherine to stow 120 tuns of beer, and four months' dry provisions for 450 men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. ? 28. Ralph Hodgkin, part owner of the said ship, to Sam. Pepys. Offers to continue her in the King's service at 34*l.* 5*s.* per month, the master to make choice of such men as shall be put on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 25. Portsmouth. 29. Capt. Charles O'Bryen to Sam. Pepys. Will send his boatswain and carpenter's indentures next post. Has received an order for two months' provisions, but has neither candles nor wood on board. Knows not how to recover the money already spent. Shall take warning how to lay out for the ship henceforth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 25. Portsmouth. 30. Chris. Brancker to the Navy Comrs There is a quantity of Swedish iron and copper landed upon the King's account, part of which the smiths have taken and discounted upon their bills. Wishes to be allowed some of the copper in the same way. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 25. Portsmouth. 31. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Good Hope is unladen. Has sent four masts to Plymouth. Is willing to supply the Earl of Sandwich with what he himself commands, but cannot satisfy the rude demands of his people, who think every thing must be delivered up for his use, whether he has occasion for it or no. Particulars of ships dispatched. Proposes putting the Royal Katherine's guns into the Franakin, to save time and preserve some of her men. Asks where the spruce plank and New England masts are to be landed. The plague is much in Gosport. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

Feb. 26. 32. John Fincham to Sam. Pepys. Has sent up four samples of hemp; one of the best, one of the worst, and two of the middle sorts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. 33. Account of the number of soldiers from the Duke of York and Lord Douglas's regiments, shipped off from Gravesend to join the fleet at the Nore; total 245, with 39 musketeers for their guard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. Wapping. 34. Wm. Wood to Sir Wm. Batten. Sent his man to view the masts lying in Mistress Naylor's yard at Barking. One is a Gottenburg mast of 13½ hands, cut to pieces; the other is marked with the broad arrow. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. Whitehall. 35. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Hears from Sir John Ernle, one of the Commissioners for Prizes at Plymouth, of 100 tons of tar brought into that port. If tar be wanted for the navy, the

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vessel had better be stopped. Comr. Middleton asks whether the masts and other stores in the New England ships are for Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. Chatham. 36. Jas. Norman, clerk of the survey, to the Navy Comrs. Knows no reason why the Resolution should make so great a demand at Portsmouth; everything mentioned in the indent was received; they will allege having to unreef ropes to lay upon their cables, and put up new in their room; that is a practice whereby the service has at all times been abused. There may be some defence for it now, for never was such shift made in the navy for old rope and junk. Two or three coils of small ropes are all that ought reasonably to be demanded. A large store only makes way for a large expense. Has known two ships fitted out alike, and continuing the same time abroad, to return the one with only half her stores spent, the other all, and would have spent more if they had had it. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

36. I. *Account of the stores received on board the Resolution.* [*Printed form filled up, 2 pages.*] 12 *Jan.*, 1666.

Feb. 26. Chatham. 37. Edw. Gregory, storekeeper, to the Navy Comrs. Excuses himself and Mr. Barrow from the charge of neglect in letting Mr. Mason's timber lie so long on the quay. Positive orders were given by Comr. Pett that no timber should be sent down till the ships then in hand were dispatched, notwithstanding which Mr. Mason crowded in considerable quantities, and afterwards made complaint, without even stating his grievance to him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. Chatham. 38. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. It is impossible to get the Sovereign into dock before the next spring tide. Cannot give a better account of what provisions each ship can stow, as they were almost all gone to the Hope before the order came. Mr. Mason's complaint might well have been spared, considering his instruments had special orders to forbear bringing in timber during the hurry of business. Small masts are wanted; also shipwrights and calkers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. Bristol. 39. Walter Morgan to the Navy Comrs. Has put 35 of the Pearl's men on board the Milford, and what provisions were left of all sorts. Will send up the tickets of those of the company who are ashore. Has delivered the gunner's stores to John Knight, and given up the ship into the hands of the owners. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 26. The Baltimore, Rolling Grounds, Harwich. 40. Charles Wylde to Lord Brouncker. John Clarke, the hired cook, is a mad fellow, who flings all his things overboard. Complains also of his surgeon having been transferred to the Plymouth, and a pitiful fellow of a barber put in, who knows nothing, and has no medicines in the ship; should be ill bestead with 170 men, should any accident happen. Begs to be better supplied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 26. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on the petition of Nich. Warren and Philip Jegon, merchants of London, for a release of certain ships and goods. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 197.]

Feb. 26. Badminton. 41. Lord Herbert to Williamson. Thanks for his intimation about the militia money. Is glad to hear that those who have it in their hands will be proceeded against; this will be more prevalent than his own continual calling on them has been. The accounts the writer brought to Oxford for Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire will show whom to proceed against; has sent once more for like accounts from Herefordshire.

Feb. 26. 42. ——— to Lord [Arlington]. Sent him, whilst at Oxford, an imperfect account of what he has since seen verified; can now give an exact account of affairs in London. Lord Chief Justice Kelynge's explanation of the oath has turned many who before were resolving to take it. Since war was proclaimed with France, the party have lifted up their heads very high, expect troubles, and give out that vast sums are remitted from France to Scotland, whereby the face of things will be quite changed; money is also expected in England, but none come. The little faction in Holland is broken all to pieces, and their conductor gone away in discontent, because he feared the Rump would not receive encouragement; some are going over there to make up the breach, and beg more alms. All these intrigues are among persons of the character formerly named, not a single person considerable for either wisdom or estate meddles therein; believes they will never have to do with either France or Holland. Hopes to wait on his lordship next week at Whitehall.

Feb. 27. Eggleston. 43. Christopher Sanderson to Williamson. Though there was a report of a plot in Yorkshire, there is none in that county. The fanatics about Shields, where there is a nest of them, pray and hope for deliverance by the Dutch and French, but they have no thought of action nor correspondence with the Scots. When any are to be secured, will send the names of those who are most active, and who give intelligence abroad. The order given in August to the Bishop and Deputy Lieutenants to secure some served little, because they were ignorant of the persons. Took the party [Wm. Haglet] into pay May 1664, and wants 60*l.* for him. Begs employment for his own son.

Feb. [27 ?] Glasgow. 44. Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. Recommends the bearer, Mr. Ker, of Gradon. He can report to Lord [Arlington] the state of the country, but the Earl of Dumfries will tell the intrigues of the Court and Council.

Feb. 27. Prize Office, Portsmouth. 45. Christopher Barker to Williamson. Mr. Prideaux, one of the Commissioners, has shown him a letter from Mr. Southwell, wishing him to send speedily for his commission. Has written to Mr. Ross to procure it, and pay the charges: requests that it may be expedited.

Feb. 27. 46. Account of 670 parcels of goods delivered out of the prize ship Charity at Great Yarmouth, since Feb. 20, 1666. [2 *pages.*]

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Feb. 27. Whitehall. 47. The King to the [Master, &c.] of New College, Oxford. Recommends John Durston, now a scholar at Winchester, whose father has suffered much for loyalty, to be chosen scholar the first vacancy.

Feb. 27. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 171.]

Feb. 27. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to lend two ships, now at Harwich, to Lord Byron, for transporting timber to Chatham for the use of the navy, according to his contract, he giving due caution for their restoration. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 27.]

Feb. 27. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow to the three clerks of the spicery board wages in lieu of their diet from October 1663 to 1664. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 27.]

Feb. 27. Whitehall. 48. Warrant for Barbara Countess of Suffolk to have board wages in lieu of her diet for a year, as groom of the stole to the Queen, notwithstanding the order for stay of pensions.

Feb. 27. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 28.]

Feb. 27. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the cargoes of the St. John the Evangelist of Marseilles, now at Plymouth, to John Schottering and others of Hamburg, on sufficient security to pay the value, in case it be adjudged a prize. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 28 *and* 38.]

[Feb. 27.] Whitehall. 49. Warrant for a grant to Robt. Viscount Mandeville of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year, as gentleman of the bedchamber. [*Damaged.*]

Feb. 27. Warrant for a grant of the said pension, from December last, to be paid from the Customs or elsewhere. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 32.]

Feb. 27. The King to the Earl of Bath, governor of Plymouth. The interruption of intercourse by the infection makes it inconvenient to remit the money for perfecting the three bastions of the new fortification at Plymouth; he is therefore to employ any part of the militia money for Cornwall remaining in the hands of the officers, which shall be speedily reimbursed, so as to preserve the militia money entire; warranting also the payment of the said sums to himself or to his deputy governor. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 99.]

Feb. 27. 50. Col. Bullen Reymes to Sam. Pepys. Has had the ill fortune to present the necessities of himself and partners through want of money, in a style displeasing to the Board; is resolved to starve rather than trouble them jointly any more on the subject. A complaint now and then to ease the mind would have strengthened faith a month or two longer, and a few pacifying words might have made them (the partners) bleed 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* more. Is resolved in future to leave all solicitations for money to Mrs. Pley; "her oil will be better than his vinegar." Is drawing out the account required relating to the purser's cheque. Has been delayed owing to the sudden death of his former clerk and the sickness of the present one. The Earl of Sandwich arrived last night. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 27. Portsmouth. 51. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Fears lest frequent applications for money should cause her appeals to be neglected altogether. Is forced to it by necessity, though against her judgment and resolution. Begs a small supply with all speed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 27. Portsmouth. 52. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sir Wm. Coventry. Is troubled with the victualler's agent about broken provisions. One ship may have a month's beer, 2 months' bread, 14 days' butter and cheese, &c.; each several sort of provision being for a different time. The pursers say that from Harwich, Ouseley Bay, and other places the victuals are thus proportioned. Gave orders to have them made equal, which the agent refuses to do, saying that Mr. Gauden is not bound to any such thing. Asks directions for avoiding this evil. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 27. Prize Office, London. 53. Edw. Wyndham and J. Talbot, prize officers, to the Navy Comrs. The White Rose prize has on board a parcel of rosin. Ask whether the Commissioners will take orders for receiving the same. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 27. Whitby. 54. Thos. Shipton to the Navy Comrs. Has a number of pressed men ready at Hull and Scarborough. Fears that unless ships be hastened down, divers of them will run away. Begs orders to the governors to see the men shipped, being himself far distant from either place. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 27. Plymouth. 55. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Has landed the tar and deal boards from the Shepherd of Hamburg, and received an order for the appraisement of it. Capt. Teate of the Friezland is discharged, and waits orders for further proceedings. The Sapphire has had a small brush with two capers, has lost four men, and her rigging is shattered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 27. 56. Account by Andrew Boult and John Milton of returned cask received into the stores at Deptford and Tower Hill, since January 1, 1666. [*Adm. Paper, 3 sheets.*]

[Feb.] 57. Petition of Thos. Bowyer, anchorsmith, to the Navy Comrs., for an advance upon the rates of his contract, answerable to the present price of iron and coals. Has attended at the office three weeks, and not got his bills passed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. 58. John Tooker to Sam. Pepys. States the price of coals and iron in June 1664, and the rise afterwards. Will give the smiths notice to be at the Board to-morrow. Endorsed "Anchorsmith's petition." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. Sayes Court. 59. J. Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Dares not show his face at Chatham without some money to discharge the arrears due for the sick men's quarters there; will then go at once, make choice of a fitting place [for the infirmary], and put that affair in some forwardness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Feb. 28. Woolwich. 60. Wm. Bodham to Sam. Pepys. Suggests Mr. Evelyn of Deptford and Dr. Britton, minister there, as worthy commissioners in the pious work contemplated. Happy the man that faithfully engages in the cause of the poor distressed seamen. Has a rough draft of some conceptions thereon, not altogether despicable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. Chatham. 61. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The imprest allowed Mr. Lewsley for the conversion and carriage of Sir Edw. Dering's timber is expended; 155 trees remain to be felled. He desires another imprest of 150*l.* for carrying on the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. Chatham Dock. 62. Phin. Pett to the Navy Coms. Will soon be able to spare hands from the Victory for the third-rate frigate, but wants plank. Can have a timely supply from Mr. Robinson of Suffolk, at a reasonable price. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

62. 1. *Francis Robinson to Thos. Lewsley. Tenders plank at 3l. 10s. per load, upon promise of payment within a month of delivery, and 500l. in advance.*

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Feb. 28. 63. Certificate by Edw. Smith and two other owners of the Mary, of their allowance of 8*l.* 10*s.* per month to Nath. Adams, master, for a voyage to Norway. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. 64. Similar certificate by John Burchett and three other owners of the Good Hope, of the like allowance to Rich. Noble, master. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. 65. Charles Reeve to [Williamson]. Thanks him for receiving his petition. Is threatened with ruin, and with being left in poverty after many years' service, yet cannot fear the result of his petition, being encouraged by one so willing and able to help him. Hopes that he, moving so near the sun, will distribute a ray to those in more remote spheres. [*Latin, 3 pages.*]

Feb. 28. Dorchester. 66. Giles Strangways to Sir George Downing. Sends papers from Ed. Philips, of Montague, Somersetshire, a member of Parliament, and deputy lieutenant; on reading them, ordered a militia officer to apprehend Pitman, to search the houses of all in the parish who forbear to come to church and frequent conventicles, and to seize three out of four nonconformist ministers there, one of whom only has taken the oath prescribed by the late Act, and bring them to Dorchester before the deputy lieutenant. Will be severe against the obstinate and impertinent, but show kindness towards those who have the King's pardon, and demean themselves well. *Encloses,*

66. 1. *Edw. Philips to Col. Giles Strangways. Sends a letter found in the street at Alonsey, parish of All Reades, the party being in his county. The business is bad, and should be enquired into, being a prejudice to the King, whether truth or abuse. Sends a scrap from a person in Taunton to the party, but cannot hear of any such person there.* *Feb.* 25, 1666.

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66. II. *Rob. Bennett to John Pitman, Bradford. All is ready for a rising; 40,560 have taken the oaths. Axes are ready and a man appointed to kill the King. The colours bear "Charles shall down and lose his head." Powder and iron bars are ready in London to fire the city. No quarter must be given to cavaliers. The rising will be within three weeks.* *Taunton, Jan.* 8, 1666.

66. III. *John Pitman to John Chamberlain, jun., Old Exchange, London. The design is forwarding to overthrow the tyrant Charles and all the posterity, for the curse of God will follow them for persecuting his people. The party are so looked after that they dare only meet two or three at once, which much hinders their design. The justices are very strict, especially Justice Strangways, a great enemy to the ways of the Lord. Some of his [the writer's] letters have been thrown in the street, but he dares not enquire after them. Will do his utmost to destroy the government, and would as soon whet his sword in the King's blood as in a dog's. Asks the day of the rising, that horses may be taken up fit for the service.*
*Bradford, Feb.* 17, 1666.

Feb. 28. Whitehall. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to release the ship Industria of Bilboa, bound for Ostend, but forced by an accident to one of her crew to put into Plymouth, where, being laden with Canary wine, she was detained by the Canary company. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 30.]

Feb. 28. The Dartmouth, Plymouth Sound. 67. Capt. Rich. Rooth to the Navy Comrs. Has just arrived from Kinsale with three ships in convoy. The convenience of a hulk at Kinsale would be very great; frigates which now have to wait a good spring tide might then be careened and fitted for sea; ships' stores and ammunition might be laid there, and the expense of her keep, with an officer in attendance, would not amount to half what is now spent in lighterage for guns, ballast, &c. A hulk, fitted with all necessaries, may be purchased for about 400*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. Bristol. 68. John Knight, junr., to the Navy Comrs. Has at length received the remaining ammunition stores out of the Pearl, except the breechings, tackle ropes, and blocks now in present use about the guns; these the owners wish to buy, deducting out of their freight as much as they shall be appraised at. The sick men of the Milford and Pearl are in a likely way to recover. Hears of three Dutch privateers off the Scilly Islands, lying in wait for the Virginia and West India ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. Bristol. 69. John Willoughby, mayor of Bristol, to Sir Wm. Coventry. The seamen belonging to the Pearl have cheerfully set forward for Portsmouth; 14 of the Dutch prisoners are extraordinarily anxious to serve the King; there is a fleet of 24 sail expected from Virginia,

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without a convoy; they will be in great danger of the enemy, and, should they miscarry, it would prove an unspeakable loss to the place, which has already suffered more in proportion than any in England, and also to the customs. Begs that a considerable force may be appointed to convey them safely home. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. Dover. 70. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has shipped 118 barrels of tar for Chatham. The Katherine yacht is driven into port through foul weather; she is extremely undermanned, having but 20 men where 60 at least are required. The yacht is very well known to the Frenchmen, and for want of men may be surprised and taken. She would be fitter to guard the river's mouth from North Foreland to the Gunfleet than for her present station. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 28. 71. Answer by the Surgeons to some queries proposed by the Navy Comrs., concerning their petition for increase of free-gift. Give a particular invoice of surgeons' allowances in free-gift and imprest, for the first six months going out to sea, from the first to the sixth-rate ships, varying from 5*l.* 10*s.* to 20*l.* Only the moiety of the free-gift money is allowed for the second six months. Beg an allowance of 30*s.* per month. Have no wish to take away the pursers' privileges, but to show their abuses in not providing necessary things, nor in quantities answerable to the money put into their hands. Wish that pursers should receive instructions from surgeons as to what is most convenient for the sick and wounded. Object to being confined to one apothecary, on account of the great charges. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Feb. 28. 72. Account by Fr. Hosier and E. Wivell of returned cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, received into the stores at Dover since February 1. [*Adm Paper.*]

Feb. ? 73. Petition of Lewis Parent, French merchant, to the King, for leave to remain in England, where he has traded 20 years, living in London 12 years, and to continue his trade as before, notwithstanding the declaration of war with France inviting all Frenchmen to depart; has paid many thousands in customs, and was tried by the rebel Oliver for supplying His Majesty's army when in Scotland. With a marginal list of names of other petitioners, including the four following.

Feb. ? 74. Petition of Christian Vanviana, prisoner at Colchester, to the King, for release on parole, his own affairs being urgent.

Feb. ? 75. Petition of John Van Messem to Lord Arlington, for relief. Has been at great expense in Oxford, attending his commands.

Feb. ? 76. Petition of some Merchants of London trading in olive oil to the King, for one of the stoutest men-of-war to sail to Leghorn, take thence ships designed for Gallipoli and Brindisi, and bring them and others back to Leghorn and thence home, that the country may

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be supplied with oil. The price has lately risen from 25*l.* to 35*l.* or 40*l.* a tun, and the clothiers, soap boilers, and others will be much injured if the price doubles, by non-arrival of the supplies. [41 *original signatures.*]

Feb.? 77. Petition of John Baptista Vanderhoeve, merchant, of London, to the King, for a pass to bring in two ships, both called Nostra Senora de la Conception, laden with wines and fruit, and consigned for Ostend, but really intended for London.

Feb.? 78. Petition of the Inhabitants of Lowestoft, Suffolk, to the King and Council. Their town being most convenient for such ships as pass north and south, they formerly had four demi-culverins allowed for their defence, and that of their ships; but they have suffered so much by incursions of the Dutch and French in the war, that they are unable to defray the expense of platforming and remounting the same; beg a sum of money for that purpose. *Annexing,*

78. I. *Estimate by the Ordnance Officers of the expense of mounting and furnishing four demi-culverins for Lowestoft; total,* 134*l.* *Feb.* 22, 1666.

Feb.? 79. Petition of the Watermen to George Duke of Albemarle, for right to free election of persons of honesty to govern their company, from year to year, without any private petitioning the Lord Mayor, &c. Rich. Gwyn and Art. Crispin, examined by the Navy Comrs., found guilty and sent to sea, have obtained the King's pardon, and now sit, domineer, and threaten in the company as before, abusing the whole river in the employ of watermen. [*With* 48 *signatures, chiefly by marks.*]

Feb.? 80. Petition of Nath. Desborough to Lord Arlington. Went to Holland by his orders, but could not see De Witt, with whom his business was, he being at sea. Gained acquaintance with John Evertsen, and wrote intelligence to his lordship, till compelled to withdraw to Bruges by the jealousy of the English in Holland. Returned for further commands, but was arrested and kept close prisoner in the Tower; begs his liberty. His wife is in Flanders, and would go distracted should she hear of his imprisonment.

Feb.? 81. Petition of Richard Lord Byron to the King, for an order to the Commissioners of Prizes to lend him the Friendship and Leif of Rotterdam, two prize ships, to convey to Harwich, Woolwich, Deptford, and Chatham 2,000 loads of timber, with which he has contracted to supply the Navy; the hazards at sea cause such unreasonable rates to be demanded for its carriage as amount to almost the sum he is to receive for his timber. *Annexing,*

81. I. *H. D. to* ——. *The Friendship and Leif are both ordered to be sold, and the Rose of St. Martin's is claimed by the Duke, as well as by the proprietors.*

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Feb. Memoranda [by Williamson, from the Signet books,] of grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow :—

Note of Sir Thos. Morgan's appointment as governor of Guernsey, where the bowling green is to be fortified.

Note that Wm. Godolphin had 600*l.* allowed when appointed to assist the Earl of Sandwich in his embassy to the King of Spain, and Sir George Downing 700*l.* for extraordinary charges on his return from Holland.

Grant under the great seal of the office of Waiter in the port of London for life.

Grant to Hen. Hastings, with reversion to Edw. Warcup, of the office of Writing all Patents of advowsons and presentations, archbishoprics and bishoprics excepted. [*Domestic Corresp., Jan.* 1666, *Vol.* 146, *No.* 81.]

Feb.? Whitehall. 82. Order to the Lord Treasurer to pay Rob. Viscount Mandeville his pension of 1,000*l*, as gentleman of the bedchamber, out of the Customs, or in default of payment there, from the Exchequer, or any other branch of the revenue. [*Draft.*]

Feb. Whitehall. 83. Blank pass for a ship to France, to bring in wines for the King's use.

[Feb.] 84 [Lord Arlington?] to the Executors of Sir Martin Noel. Requests the dispatch of Don Juan Ximenes de Bohorques, whose business the King will see terminated. They must assist, as Mr. Litcott cannot advance such a sum without receiving what is due from them. The impediment of not daring to go into his house is over, as it is five months since he died, and the accounts are not given in. A counsellor will soon draw a form for payment of that debt, as the gentleman wants to go to sea with the Earl of Sandwich. [*Draft.*]

Feb.? Yarmouth. 85. Henry and Edmund Edgar to the Navy Comrs. Forwardness of the new frigate. Request bills for their second and third payment. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

Feb.? 86. Jo. Fincham to Sam. Pepys. Proposals for serving in hemp of three sorts, at 46*l.*, 40*l.*, and 34*l.* per ton ; can supply 20 or 25 tons by the end of May, but only upon promise of punctual payment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb.? 87. List of 29 persons committed by Lord General Albemarle to the Tower, from July 17, 1665, to February 24, 1666, with notes of some as discharged, executed, or escaped. Endorsed "To be allowed of by the King's warrant."

Feb.? 88. Account [by the Earl of Craven] of the proceedings of the justices of peace, on the orders of Council in reference to the plague [*see* Feb. 14]. As the Bishop of London refused to consecrate any places that could not be had in perpetuity, those who die of the sickness have to be buried in the late usual places. The infected are

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removed to the pest-house if possible; if not, the doors are marked with a red cross 40 days, and then with a white cross 40 days, and warders set to guard those within, and hinder the approach of those without; lime has been too dear to cover the churchyards generally, but the bodies have been buried deep, and special care taken not to open the same graves again. The raker brings his carts every morning, and by sound of his bell, gives notice to the inhabitants to bring out their filth, and the streets are daily cleansed. The removal of the laystalls was difficult, on account of the titles in law which the proprietors had therein, but by the justices' diligence, most are removed, and the rest will be soon. Beggars are removed and punished, and provision made for the poor. The pest-houses should be enlarged, as that in Westminster can only contain 60 persons; that in the Soho, which serves for four parishes, 90; and that in St. Giles', where there is a multitude of poor, 60; assistance is needed to build more, the ordinary taxes being so numerous, the middling sort of people so impoverished by the plague, and few or none of the nobility and gentry likely to continue in the city, if it break out again. Something is done towards clearing out the cellars, but it is difficult, because of leases and contracts, and because most of the inmates are poor, and would be very chargeable to their parishes. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 89. Report addressed to the Commissioners of Prizes by persons appointed to search after embezzlements of prize goods; they have seized great quantities, but the owners pretend that the King has forgiven these embezzlements, or that the goods were in the dividend due to the flag officers, and apply for the goods to continue in their possession, on security of their being forthcoming if required, which was granted. Can prove that the flag officers have received large sums for embezzled goods; that many goods yet lie concealed and undisposed of, being conveyed away by small vessels, and brought in as goods from beyond sea. Ask whether moneys received for such goods should not be paid back, and the purloiners reprehended. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

89. I. *List of goods allotted by a council of war to the Earl of Sandwich and the flag officers.*

89. II. *List of goods seized at different places in Kent, Essex, and London, some of which were bought from Sir Wm. Penn and Sir Roger Cuttance, by Capt. George Cock.* [3½ *pages.*]

89. III. *List of goods embezzled, which were not seized.* [3 *pages.*]

89. IV. *List of the quantities and qualities of goods and by whom it is charged.*

89. V. *Account of goods seized and owned by the under written persons.*

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Feb. 90. List of goods sold by the Earl of Sandwich to Capt. Cock, Mr. Moyer, Mr. Moore, and Capt. Hurleston, and sent to Lynn; total value 4,786*l.* 9*s.*; out of which a gratuity of 600*l.* was given to Sir Roger Cuttance. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. ? 91. Account for a post horse, &c., delivered by the King's verbal order to Comr. Middleton, for carrying stones from Portland to Greenwich in 1665.

Feb. 92. List of the cargo of the St. John the Evangelist, laden at Marseilles on account of certain Hamburg merchants named, brought into Plymouth, and the portion between decks sold by Sir John Skelton, 17th January last. [1¼ *pages.*]

Feb. 93. Journal of Capt. Lambert Wood, from February 16, 1665, to February 12, 1666, as commander of the Sarah pink, employed in recovering the wreck of the London. [*Adm. Paper,* 16 *pages.*]

Feb. 94. Particulars of joiner's work for the new frigate at Woolwich; with note [by Sir Wm. Batten] that he has contracted with Mr. Dowsen for 85*l.* for the said work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. 95. Account by John Shales and Wm. Thorowgood, of casks, iron hoops, and bags returned into the stores at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Feb. ? 96. Report by Jonas Shish and Francis Fletcher, that the Eagle Merchant, riding at Gravesend, is very firm and sufficient for a voyage to the East Indies. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 1. 1. Grant in reversion to John Wheldon of the first vacant place of Under Searcher or Collector of Customs in the port of London, Newcastle, or Bristol. With note of a caveat that no grant pass to John Wheldon and John Seymour of the reversion of the under-searcher's place of London, before notice to Lord Arlington. [18 *sheets.*]

March 1. Plymouth. 2. Examination of Thos. Hilman, mariner of Bristol, before Sir John Ernle and Sir John Knight. Was taken in the Nathaniel of Bristol, by a Dutch caper, and brought into Rochelle, but before taken, threw overboard the King's letter to the Governor of Barbadoes. There are 12 French men-of-war at St. Martin's of from 40 to 56 guns; they are making levies of men and preparations for war; there are 6,000 land soldiers in and about St. Martin's; also 14 Dutch capers, eight of which are at sea, and the others wait the return of the English ships from Virginia and

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Barbadoes; 16 English ships have lately been brought by Dutch capers into Rochelle, and 100 seamen, many of whom were at first prisoners, but since released, and in such distress that they entered the service of the King of France to keep themselves from perishing; most of his gunners are Englishmen; more soldiers are still raising in the island of Scilly.

March 1. Deal. 3. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. The weekly letter and Gazette were received as usual, but the last side was filled by Muddiman with complaints against Hickes of the post office, who had caused a misunderstanding between Muddiman and Williamson. Will write to none but him; fears their letters miscarry or are broken open. In the Downs are eight men-of-war, two fire-ships, and four merchant ships. Col. Titus of the Eastern regiment of the [Cinque] ports has been there three weeks, and put his regiment in good position; he has chosen the Deal company for himself, and all rejoice in such a noble commander and good soldier; he has gone to Whitehall, being of the bedchamber. Will not fail to write every other night.

March 1. Whitehall. 4. Henry Muddiman to Mr. Watts, notary at Deal. Items of news as follow:—

Paris: Col. Douglas, who commanded the regiment of 800 Scots in France, for many years established as the King's Guards, has demanded liberty for them to return to England, according to the King's proclamation, recalling all his subjects of foreign princes. Baron Blumenthal, envoy extraordinary from the Elector of Brandenburg, brings word that the elector has bound himself to furnish the States General with 12,000 men for 60,000 crowns a month.

Dartmouth: It is reported at St. Malo's that three privateers are fitting out there; that the French King has sent there 3,000 men, and that the French will not suffer the English merchants to withdraw their goods, notwithstanding their King's proclamation for three months' time.

The Lord General has sent Major Dewey prisoner to the Tower. It is said on Exchange that Sir Chris. Minns has taken 14 out of 18 Dutch ships that he met with, but the Court knows nothing of it. Ensign Monk has taken a Dutch vessel near Galloway. A proclamation is issuing to dispense with the observation of the next Lent. The Hamburg and Flanders packet-boat is taken by the French, and carried into Dunkirk.

France: Preparations for war with England. The Parliament at Pau oppose the King's declaration for bringing down the coin. Sir Nicholas Crisp died on Monday, and the Earl of Northumberland was dangerously ill, but is improving.

Plymouth: Eight prizes, laden with wine, fruit, &c., brought into Plymouth, report that Sir Jeremy Smyth has taken two rich French prizes, and that the victuallers are safely arrived at Tangiers.

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Yarmouth: It is reported that 16 Dutch men-of-war have been seen between Cromer and Winterton, and the coast is pestered with shallops: 150 light colliers have been left in Yarmouth Road by their men-of-war, who sailed in a thick fog, when the colliers had no notice of it. There have died this week at Yarmouth 3, of plague 0; Norwich 28, plague 10; Colchester 39, plague 33; London 237, plague 27; Ipswich 15, plague 8.

Dover: The Drake, cruizing in the Narrow Seas, has taken five vessels coming from France. The four ships that went after Sir Jeremy Smith have joined him in the Straits. Capt. Howard, who fought so well against the Turks, and was lately taken by the Dutch, is released and coming home, by desire of the Earl of Sandwich.

Greatres, the healer, is come to London, and is followed by many for cure.

Deal: Guns were heard at sea and the pilots think our fleet has engaged the Dutch, but this is not confirmed from other places.

A valuable English vessel has been taken near Harwich by a French sloop.

Weymouth: A privateer came in, bringing in two French privateers, and bound for the Isle of Wight.

Having distrusted Hickes, has not lately trusted him to set his name to letters, nor given him a copy of his letters to write after, but he is disowned by those he pretends orders from.

The seizing of the packet-boat by the French was never practised in the late wars, and the only excuse is they pretend she carries contraband goods. [3 *pages. Signed by Watts.*]

March 1. 5. G. W. to ———. Aldermen Reed and Underwood of London are engaged with Col. Inglesby and his confederates. Their design is to get Rich. Cromwell, whom they hold as the undoubted heir to the government of these nations, and they have great hopes of his coming in this summer. Ald. Reed gave Rawlinson 15*l.* to go into the north, and engage as many as he could. Two years ago, the Earl of Derby, Inglesby, and Capt. Elsmore had frequent meetings, and "would in their cups heartily remember Richard Protector." Will reveal all that Rawlinson tells him. Rawlinson is eager to go to Holland, as Col. Walton is his great friend, and he would then be near the protector, who continues in great hopes of receiving messages of importance from his friends in London. Endorsed "Intelligence out of the bishopric of Durham."

March 1. Statement of the salaries of the establishment of His Majesty's Italian music, viz., a contralto, tenor, bass, the poet, the woman, the eunuch, and Signor Vincenzo [Albrici], and Bartholomew his brother; yearly charge, 1,700*l.* [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 29.]

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March 1. Whitehall. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit the Conde de Molina, Spanish Ambassador, to buy and transport into Flanders 400 barrels of gunpowder, paying the usual dues therefor. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 29.]

March 1. Portsmouth. 6. Comr. Thos. Middleton to [Sam Pepys]. Will take the masts and what plank is needed out of the New England ships; the Good Hope's men are fitting up the Crown of Malaga; she will be an excellent ship for any service; proposes taking six of her guns for the Franakin; cannot as yet get the indent of the boatswain and carpenter of the Resolution; fears it is something considerable. *Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

6. I. *Account of Hungary copper in plates, and red copper.*

March 1. Portsmouth. 7. Comr. Thos. Middleton to [Sam. Pepys]. The master of the New England ship refuses to deliver his masts and other stores without an order from Sir Wm. Warren. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 1. 8. Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. The warrant appointing the Coventry to sail in room of the Lizard allows but 55 men; asks if that is the number intended. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 1. Dover. 9. Thos. White to the [Navy Comrs.]. Particulars of stores received from Chatham; wants anchors: it is not safe to send anything down without convoy; many ships are preparing at Dunkirk, and an English ketch that was the packet boat, lately taken by the enemy, is fitted out as a man of war; an English merchant vessel of 10 guns was run down in the night and taken, by a shallop with one gun; 20 sail of vessels from the west dare not leave the port for London without convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 1. Chatham. 10. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Although a great enemy to the paying of board wages to pressed men, knowing the trouble it begets, yet cannot resist their present importunity, they being some 12 weeks behind; begs payment of the imprest bill of 400*l.*, so long in Mr. Burrows' hands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 1. 11. John Fenn to Sam. Pepys. Recommends Wm. Fidg, a seaman of 16 years' experience, coxswain to Lord Marlborough in the late engagement, and related to Mr. James Temple; his ambition reaches to a boatswain's place. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 1. London. 12. John Harris to the Navy Comrs. Finds Mr. Poyntz' canvas worth 16*d.* and 12*d.* the yard, not considering the rise in prices from the present scarcity of canvas. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 1. Victualling Office. 13. Certificate by Thos. Lewis of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by Peter Tomlin, master of the Susan. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[March 1.] 14. Account of men and supernumeraries borne upon the William and Mary hoy from February 28, 1665, to June 28 following. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

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March 2. 15. Certificate by Wm. Gilvin, master of the William and Mary, that 31*l.* 10*s.* balance is still due for freight of the said vessel, employed on His Majesty's service at 18*l.* a month. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. The Milford, Spithead. 16. Capt. Rich. White to the Navy Comrs. Has arrived at Spithead, with 35 of the Pearl's men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. Yarmouth Roads. 17. Hab. Wiles, Wm. Sandwell and John Coudre, masters of colliers, to the Navy Comrs. Are wind bound and short of victuals; beg orders for a fresh supply in case the wind continues contrary; five men-of-war are now in the road. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. Norwich. 18. James Johnson to Sam. Pepys. Thought the imprest bills safe in his hands, and no other formalities necessary; hopes to be in town shortly to dispatch them personally; Capt. Saunder's frigate only waits her rigging; implores satisfaction to the Edgars for their two payments due. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. Westminster. 19. Sir Wm. Doyley to the Navy Comrs. His brother Commissioners for the sick and wounded are at work in their several districts, and hope soon to give a speedy account to the Board of the seamen sick on shore, from what ships, and how long; has long ago transmitted an account of those under his own care in Suffolk and Essex, but few have been set on shore lately. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. Plymouth. 20. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Excuses his delay in making up his accounts, and begs two days longer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. Woolwich. 21. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Wm. Wood undertakes the making of two suits of masts and yards for the ships now building, provided one main mast for the fourth-rate be supplied from the stores; there are Gottenburg masts at Harwich fit for the purpose; thinks the two New England masts that came from Chatham, being 27 or 28 inches through, would do for third-rate ships; asks directions about fitting the Young Princess as a fire-ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. Victualling Office. 22. Certificate by Thos. Lewis of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by the owners of the Mary, for provisions received by Jos. Burlingham, late master, for the supply of the fleet; with note, that the ship began to take in her lading May 11, 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 2. 23. Propositions of Erasmus Purling, engineer, to construct and manage a warlike engine to row with 100 or 120 oars, and 1,000 or 1,500 men, secured from shot, to enter without danger an enemy's fleet and destroy it by fire or sinking, though 100 sail together; also to enter any port, destroy the vessels, and possess the block-houses and forts, be they never so strongly fortified. This is to be done at little or no expense to the King or damage to the subject. Endorsed as "Recd. from Sir John Finch."

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24. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. Sends the account about Major Ashurst, under the hand of Dean Bridgeman. *Encloses,*

24. I. *Henry Bridgeman, dean of Chester, to Sir Geoffrey Shakerley. According to his commands, gives an unwilling account concerning Col. Ashurst. Met the colonel at a gentleman's house in St. John's parish, Chester, and had much discourse with him, but did not notice it particularly, knowing him to be a hot-brained man, and thinking it unhandsome to betray the guests of a friend for table-talk; also suffered much persecution for giving a true account of the man at the Hague, when demanded. His minced expressions were the subtle hints and imperfect menaces of a discontented person, implying that he had much in his breast which he durst not then well give vent to. He said that the taking away of the ministers was cutting the nerves and sinews of their strength, and posting fast towards popery. Acquainted Sir Geoffrey with these things, not as wishing to create disturbance for Ashurst, but from fear lest the Presbyterians be hatching mischievous contrivances, as they show great contempt of ecclesiastical censures, and one of them expects soon to return to a good ecclesiastical living, though still a great nonconformist, and the compiler of that dangerous declaration for the Covenant used in Sir George Booth's rising, though Sir George was ignorant of it. Ashurst declines his own county of Lancashire to go up to London, though declaring that the character formerly given of him by the writer prevents his hopes of preferment. Is very unwilling to accuse him, and will be exposed to much misconstruction thereby, yet will bear the burden if it suffice to awaken the present supine negligence and security. Petitions that pains may be taken with the Colonel, to make him abjure the Covenant, and then he may become a useful instrument to secure the government.* *Chester, March* 3, 1666.

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25. Earl of Sandwich to Lord Arlington. Is weighing anchor and is earnest to be gone, his affairs being important. Begs patronage for his son. Thanks for kindness.

March 3. London.

26. Sir James Shaen to Williamson. Asks if he has received the 40*l.* and the letters which Mr. Godolphin promised to leave about the lapsed money. Cannot settle Lord Arlington's concern without them. Begs that Hen. O'Neile may have his warrant for a baronet.

March 3. Bristol.

27. Walter Morgan to the Navy Comrs. Will deliver up to Capt. Wood the tickets of those men formerly belonging to the Pearl, who have not gone with Capt. White in the Milford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 3. Bristol. 28. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The sailmaker will make hammocks of good English sailcloth, six feet long, at 3s. each; also waste-cloths and top-armour, &c., at the lowest rates, for Mr. Baylie's new ship; the justices have summoned the constables to give account of the execution of their warrants for land carriage of timber; expects little good to be done therein; it is a shame and dishonour that so much precious time and seasonable weather should be lost; the sailmaker requests 100*l.* advanced for the commencement of his work; begs 300*l.* to meet his own necessities. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

March 3. The Vanguard, in the Hope. 29. Capt. John Whittey to the Master and Wardens of Surgeons' Hall. Intends taking an acquaintance of his own as surgeon of the Vanguard. Requests that some other employment may be given to Arthur Noy, lately appointed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 3. Ipswich. 30. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. There is no provision made for beef and pork in port. Squire Gauden is expected down to give directions; they have orders to brew and bake as much as can be conveniently stowed; other stores are plentiful, except fish, which must be supplied by oatmeal or money. The Blackamoor pink and Success are in harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

30. I. *Account of cask received at Ipswich from Jan.* 1 *to Feb.* 1, 1666.

March 3. 31. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Several books in the Navy Office will prove her bills sent since June 16, 1665, to amount to 24,000*l.*; it belongs to Mr. Fenn to prove the payment of them; by her own books has not received above 18,000*l.*, and of that 1,000*l.* drawn on Mr. Salisbury was refused to be paid; her present necessity for 1,000*l.* by the 9th inst. cannot be answered by Mr. Fenn's pretence. Lord Sandwich sets sail this day. The sickness increases at Gosport; six houses are shut up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 4. Portsmouth. 32. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Essex men continue in health. The plague is very bad at Gosport, and nearly 200 workmen come from thence every day into the yard. The sawyers, who work by the hundred and are not in the book, desire to be paid at Portsmouth, to save the trouble and charge of coming to London. Mr. Tippetts proposes paying off all the pressed carpenters lodging in Gosport, or they must of necessity perish, either by plague or famine. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

March 4. Plymouth. 33. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Finds an error in the balancing of his accounts, but will amend it in the next. Cannot get paper large enough to set debtor and creditor in one folio. The columns for the beginning and ending of the days of victualling are not filled, because the victualler has not been careful to keep that account. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 4. Plymouth. 34. Sir John Ernle, Prize Comr., to the Navy Comrs. There are not 100 tuns of tar seized on the prize ship, but 100 tons of tar and brimstone. John Lanyon has been offered the goods at a market price, but cannot agree with the owners, refusing to pay

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the value set upon them or any other charges. He says he will receive them if brought to his door, but not otherwise, and wishes the tar were at Jamaica. Is afraid of such expressions and coldness in men undertaking to be agents, but will see the goods landed and brought to him, since he is so strait-laced. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 4. Portsmouth. 35. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Is unable to complete further accounts without a sight of the Victualler's Book of Proportions, which is resolutely denied by Mr. Gauden's agent. Wants half a ream of the unruled paper his form was sent in. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

35. I., II. *Account of cask, &c., returned at Portsmouth during the months of January and February. Two papers.* 1*st Feb. and* 1*st March*, 1666.

March 4. Warrant for ordering Wm. Benson to deliver papers, &c., in his custody, agitated at Gurney House. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 131.]

March 5. Dover. 36. Noel Costé to Nich. Marie, of Rouen. Their ship was taken by an English man-of-war, and they made to suffer great torments; some burned in the hands or feet, one hanged up by the thumbs, another garrotted round the head, &c.; everything they had was taken from them, even to their clothes, and the whole contents of their vessel. They were taken into Dover; the people there were vexed at their being so ill treated, and the ship master will get into trouble for it. The sea is full of ships of war, even to the coast of Holland. [*French*, 1½ *pages.*]

March 5. Deal. 37. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Has another letter from Muddiman, but will not answer it. His letters are signed by Hall, and he has altered his seal, to prevent any designs of Hickes. Wrote 19 letters last month, but does not know that all have been received. Hears that the farmers of customs lay down on Lady Day. Wants the surveyor's or a landwaiter's place at Deal. Col. Titus and the Archbishop of Canterbury will speak for him. Sends three of Muddiman's letters, complaining of Hickes' forgery. No news of Sir Chris. Myngs. [*Dated March* 3, 4, *and* 5.]

March 5. 38. Dr. John Fell, dean of Christchurch, to Williamson. Fulfils his threat of troubling him with packets. Is glad that Mr. Compton is returned home, and intends to favour them with his company.

March 5. Kingston-upon-Hull. 39. Pass from Sir Ant. Gilby, [governor of Hull,] for Lieut.-Col. Thos. Duncan, belonging to that garrison, to go into Scotland and return within seven months, Hull being free from the plague and all other contagious diseases.

March 5. Commission for John Arundel to be Ensign to Capt. George Collins in Hull. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 100.]

March 5. Chester Castle. 40. Sir Geoffery Shakerly to Williamson. Dean Bridgeman, who wrote the account of Col. John Ashurst, has not the great judgment of his brother, the Lord Chief Justice, and he was the only person who discovered the temper and words of the Colonel. Wishes Williamson to gather the naked truth from the Doctor's letter. Thanks for the continuance of the news.

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March 5. Warrant to Mr. Bradley to discharge John Ashurst. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 31.]

March 5. Warrant for import of 30 tuns of wine, custom free, for Conde de Molina, Spanish ambassador. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 31.]

March 5. 41. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Cap. Reeves desires John Bantam, now master of the Santa Maria, as master of the Essex, upon removal of Mr. Stewart into the Rupert. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March. 5. Deptford. 42. J. Uthwat to Mr. Hayter. States what goods he finds charged on the three water ships employed last year in the service, and returned to Deptford stores. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

42. I–IV. *Accounts [by J. Uthwat] of goods delivered on loan from the stores at Deptford to merchant ships, from March to August* 1665, *noting such as are returned into the stores, or decayed in the service.* [*Four papers,* 7 *pages.*]

March 5. Chatham. 43. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Harman's plank was offered at 4*l.* 5*s.* ready money, or 4*l.* 10*s.* on trust. Upon the Navy Comrs.' answer that ready money was not to be expected, a contract was signed accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 5. Yarmouth. 44. Henry and Edmund Edgar to the Navy Comrs. Have not once troubled the Board with letters during the building of their new frigate. Are necessitated to do so now, being much damnified for want of money, and put to their wit's end by timber creditors. Have usually had 5*l.* or 6*l.* upon the launching of a frigate, and request the same now. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 6. African House, London. 45. African Company to the Navy Comrs. Have directed Thos. Newman, deputy vice-admiral at Dartmouth, to secure and preserve the white oakum brought there for the King's use. It would expedite the business if some person in those parts were appointed to look after and contract for it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 6. Ipswich. 46. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Squire Gauden is expected daily. There will be soon be no more room to stow provisions, unless ships come and take some off. The Blackamoor pink and Success are the only ships now at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

46. I. *Account of cask staves, iron hoops, and biscuit bags delivered into the stores during the month of February.*

46. II. *Account of letters of credit granted by Andrew Crawley, for supply of provisions to seven ships in February.*

March 6. The Royal Oak, Tilbury Hope. 47. Sir Thos. Teddeman and five other Flag Officers to the Navy Comrs. Entreat a timely remedy to the evil consequences arising from the badness of petty warrant provisions, their letters to the victualler taking no effect. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 6. The Milford, Spithead. 48. Capt. Rich. White to the Navy Comrs. Has delivered up the Pearl's men to the Swiftsure and Happy Return. Is ordered into harbour to clean. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 6. Portsmouth. 49. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is desired to find some honest attorney to mind the King's business concerning embezzled goods. This is a hard task, far beyond his capacity; would deify such an one were he to be found; will procure the best to be met with, but cannot answer for his honesty if he profess himself an attorney. Sir. Wm. Warren's ship is in harbour. Six guns are put into the Francklin or Franakin, but not from the Crown Malaga. Has sent up half a hundred of English hemp by the waggon. The Milford needs repairs. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

March 6. Portsmouth. 50. Rich. Cord to Sir Wm. Batten or Sir Wm. Penn. Offers to perform the carved work of a new frigate building 15 miles from Bristol for 50*l.*, and her painting for 60*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 6 The Friezland, Plymouth. 51. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. No more guns are to be sent. Waits an order from Sir John Skelton to take seamen on board before sailing for Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

51. 1. *Capt. Rich. Teate to Thos. Hayter. Requests a bill for the Friezland fly-boat to be given to John Williams.*

March 6. Ratcliffe. 52. Capt. Leo. Guy to the Navy Comrs. Nich. Lefebvre is accepted as master surgeon of the Paradox. Begs he may have all things necessary for the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 6. Deptford. 53. Wm. Castell to the Navy Comrs. Requests a warrant to the master shipwright to consult with him about the platforms, storehouses, and measuring of the new ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 6. Ordnance Office. 54. Edw. Sherburne, and four other Ordnance Officers to the Navy Comrs. Send account of guns belonging to the yachts and fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

54. 1. *Number and description of guns belonging to seven yachts and nine fire-ships.*

March 6. Whitehall. Commission to the Lord General, Ordnance Comrs., Lieutenant of the Tower, and others, to examine and report on a fit and safe place for the deposit of arms and ammunition, especially powder, in the Tower; and also on the road by which they are brought in, which is dangerous to that part of the city, and to consider of a better place of deposit and mode of passage. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 31.]

March 6. Whitehall. Sec. Morice to Lord Arundel of Trerice, governor of Pendennis Castle. He is to permit the son of Wildman to have free access to his father, now a prisoner in the castle, and also a servant to attend upon him, the King having consented thereto on petition of Mrs. Wildman. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 74.]

March 6. 55. Lord Ashley to Wm. Wardour, clerk of the pells. Requests him to certify what has been paid into the Exchequer on the 18 months' assessment up to March 3.

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March 6. Worcester House. 56. Order in Council. Doubts having arisen, through long intermission of war, concerning the rights of the Lord Admiral, on full debate thereon, the King was pleased to declare that all enemies' ships coming in through accident or ignorance of the war belong to the Lord Admiral, but such as come in voluntarily or by revolt, are driven in by the King's ships, or seized before the declaration of war, belong to the Crown. All enemies' ships or goods casually met with at sea by non-commissioned vessels, the salvage of rescued ships, goods thrown overboard of ships pursued, and ships derelict belong to the Lord Admiral, unless the dereliction is caused by a commissioned ship pursuing. [1½ *pages.*]

[March 6.] 57. Petition of Judith, widow of Clinton Milner, to the King and Council. Placed her daughter Anne, sole heir to a considerable estate, at school at Putney, whence Rob. Clinton, of Totteridge, co. Herts, fetched her in July last, and took her to his own house; went thither and succeeded in getting her away, but Clinton pulled her by force out of the coach, on pretence that she, though scarce 10 years old, is married to his son, a boy of 14, and threatens to take her beyond seas; begs that he may be summoned to answer these misdemeanors, and restore her child to her. [*See Council Reg.*]

March 6. Whitehall. 58. Warrant to Thos. Snag, high sheriff of Bedfordshire, to respite from execution John Bubb, condemned at the late assizes for murder of George Edwards, he being represented as capable of mercy.

March 6. Dover. 59. Warham Jennett, sen., to Wm. Hall, Round House, London. The enclosed is for Williamson. Had it been for his use, would have had to pay 8*d.* for it, which never was done by his predecessors. The letter was carelessly mis-ordered in the foreign office, and came to him before, open, though now sealed. Most of the foreign packets and letters for secretaries of state come to him.

March 7. 60. List of 60 passes, letters, commissions, and other documents signed by the King since Feb. 21. [3 *pages.*]

March ? 61. Petition of John Somner, of Canterbury, to the King, for a dispensation of the local statutes as already granted to widow Turner, to procure a further term of years in the lease which they jointly hold from the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, of lands adjoining the cathedral.

March 7. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury. Recommends John Somner, a great sufferer for loyalty, for renewal of a lease of certain houses, which being within the precincts of the cathedral, the lease cannot be renewed without his dispensation of the statutes of foundation. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 170.]

March 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, to insert,—in a grant to be made to George Duke of Albemarle of the manor and lordship of Furness and honour of Clitheroe, in

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the county palatine of Lancaster and county of York, and of the office of Master Forester of Bolland Forest,—a grant also of the manor of Hawkshead, of the return of all writs in the manor of Furness, and in the forest and liberty of Bolland, with a saving of the jointure rights of the Queen-Mother. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 35.]

March 7. 62. Pass for the Earl of Lincoln to go beyond seas, and remain for the term of — years.

March 7. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 36.]

March 7. Warrant to Sir William Doyley for the release of —— Thomas, a Dutch prisoner in Colchester gaol. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 37.]

March 7. Warrant for a grant to James Hamilton, groom of the bedchamber, of the estate of the late Valentine Wanley, an alien. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 37.]

March 7. Whitehall. Warrant for an indenture whereby the King lets to farm for seven years to Sir Rich. Pigott, Perjent Trott, and Hum. Beane, all of London, the additional aid lately granted by Act of Parliament of 2*s.* on every hearth, as authorized by the Act for better collecting of the same, on advance of 250,000*l.*, and rental of 145,000*l.* the first five years, 150,000*l.* the sixth, and 170,000*l.* the last year of the said term, they defalcating from the said rents the 250,000*l.* advanced by them, with interest at 6 per cent., with allowance also of defalcations in case of plague or any act of general pardon; the said farmers having leave to resign their agreement at the end of three years, on six months' notice, in which case the King grants them 20,000*l.* a year during the residue of their term; giving full power to the said farmers to collect and gather in the said revenue, examine records thereto belonging, &c. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 162–183.]

March 7. 63. Particulars of the state of seven ships at Deptford and two at Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 7. Papers relating to the Welcome, hired as a victualler; [*Adm. Papers,*] viz.:—

64. Bill of the amount due for her hire from June 7 to Dec. 21, 1665, at 27*l.* per month; total, 186*l.* 9*s.*; and 6*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* for 12 days lying before she was discharged,

65. Certificates by Thos. Lewis of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by James Streeter, master.
Victualling Office, Feb. 22, 1666.

66. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that she began to take in provisions for the fleet on June 8, 1665. Feb. 24, 1666.

67. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Measurement of the Welcome; burden, 78¼ tons. March 7, 1666.

March 7. Bristol. 68. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of what plank, knees, and standards can be procured, with the common rate of prices per 100. Is willing to be employed in the business upon pay-

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ment of a sum of money from the Collector of Customs in Bristol. The new ship will be calked this week, and launched at the end of the month. Begs to be supplied with masts. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

March 7. Dover. 69. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Increase of Rochester is safely arrived with stores from Deptford; wants money; has already spent some of his own and borrowed 100*l.*, and has to pay interest for it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 7. Downs. 70. Capt. Thos. Elliott, master of the Katherine hired ship, to the Navy Comrs. Is safely arrived with the brass guns from Plymouth, and 32 ships in convoy. Intends to proceed to the buoy of the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. Deptford. 71. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The smith threatens to discharge his workmen, and yet there is great want of ironwork there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. Deptford. 72. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The Martin and Hawk ketch are ready to take in provisions; wants to borrow two wooden staves from Woolwich for the launch of the Golden Phœnix. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. Ordnance Office. 73. Sir J. Duncombe and Sir Thos. Chicheley, Ordnance Comrs., to the Navy Comrs. There is a quantity of unserviceable, twice-laid cordage in the Tower; wish an officer to come and see whether it may be of use for the navy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. Victualling Office. 74 Certificate, by Thos. Lewis, of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by John Telford, master of the Charles. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. Portsmouth. 75. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The plague increases at Gosport; the pressed carpenters lodging there are in great distress; now money is at hand, shall order one of the storeships to be fitted up for them to live in; most of the housekeepers in Gosport have removed to the country, but none are suffered to come into Portsmouth. Has received a letter by the Deptford ketch, which shall be complied with. Particulars of ships in dock. The Franakin set sail from Spithead, with 30 other vessels bound for London, under convoy of the Katherine. The Richmond is arrived. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

March 8. Hoorn. 76. John Tottey to Sam. Pepys. Gives account of his capture by a Dutch caper, off Winterton-Ness, on the 17th of February. Has been kept a prisoner ever since, and left in a sad condition, with neither money, nor clothes, nor acquaintance to help him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. Lythe, near Whitby. 77. Thos. Shipton to the Navy Comrs. Requests that ships may be ordered to Hull and Scarborough, to take on board the pressed men before any of them run away, and that directions may be given to the governors of those places, or their deputies, to see them shipped. [*Adm. Paper.*]



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March 8. Ordnance Office. 78. Edw. Sherburne, Jonas Moore, and George Clarke, Ordnance Officers, to the Navy Comrs. Enclose a letter sent by mistake relating to the taking and pressing of seamen. The persons signing it are wholly strangers. The guns and carriages for the two new ships at Bristol will be ready in three weeks time. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

78. I. *Abraham Robins and Nich. Danzie to Mr. Townsend, ordnance officer, Tower. The town clerk and mayor of Bristol have promised their assistance in the business in hand. Capt. Wood of the Henrietta has taken up* 80 *or* 100 *men, and given them tickets to remain in the city until the 7th instant. Shall not begin their impress till these men are sent to Portsmouth and Bristol, and the spring tides come on, which bring in many vessels.*

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March 8. The Katherine, Gravesend. 79. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Is driven by wind and storm to anchor at Gravesend. Has advanced business by telling out money and casting up accounts, which could not have been down at the Nore, where the sea runs so high. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 8. Edinburgh. 80. Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. The bearer, the Earl of Dumfries, will explain how matters stand. The war with France has been solemnly proclaimed, but there are neither arms nor ammunition. Trade is very slack, the war blocking up foreign trade, and the late Act of Parliament the former trade with England, so that great discontent prevails. Good news from abroad would be very acceptable. The death of Mr. Buchanan closes his correspondence with Carlisle.

[March 8.] 81. Report of the [Commissioners for Prizes ?] recommending the adoption of the proposals of the East India Company, that all the goods landed out of the prize ships Slothany and Phœnix should be put up to sale on 20th March, with the East India goods. The dividends due to the adventurers in 11 months the Company will allow, as present payment of any goods they may buy, and pay the money to His Majesty on discount of one per cent. The goods to be "set up at the candle, at the rates they are valued by persons appointed to appraise them." [1½ *pages.*]

March 8. East India House. 82. John Stanyan, secretary of the East India Company, to the Duke of Albemarle and other Commissioners for Prize Goods. As the Company are making up the customs of goods landed from the Slothany and Phœnix, they wish to know whether the claim of the Farmers of Customs for double or treble duties on pepper and spices, as being brought in by foreign-built shipping, is to be allowed.

March 8. Warrant to the Sheriff of Buckinghamshire for reprieve of Charles Bray, in case he be convicted at Reading assizes for murder of Rob. Grimes, it appearing to be only manslaughter, as it was done in passion and on great provocation. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 34.]

[March 8.] 83. Draft of the above.

March 9. 84. Thos. Ould to the Navy Comrs. Has been 15 days in Yarmouth Road during a sore gale, and lost an anchor in getting clear

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of another ship. There are 200 sail in the road bound northward, and 100 in the pier. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 9. Plymouth. 85. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Explains his arrangement of debtor and creditor accounts, having no paper large enough to contain all in one sheet. The bread found wanting in the balancing of the last accounts is contracted for, and part already issued to the Friezland and Paul. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 9. Dover. 86. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Is offered tallow at 42*s.* per cwt. The smith wants four or five tons of Swedish iron. Sir Arthur Slingsby's heir has sold the shallop for a private man-of-war. Has received the 400*l.* ordered. The Drake frigate will be ready to victual to-morrow. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 10. Bristol. 87. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. The Fox is arrived from Lisbon with four Bristol ships. Begs that she may be appointed to convoy two provision ships to Tangiers; this would partly recover the drooping spirits occasioned through losses. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 10. 88. Capt. Edmund Seaman to the Navy Comrs. Desires that Thos. Helby may be contracted with for the hire of the Sea Flower ketch, to attend the Old James, according to Sir Joseph Jordan's orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 10. The Fox, Bristol. 89. Capt. Henry Osgood to the Navy Comrs. Was necessitated at Lisbon to draw two bills of exchange for repairs of the frigate, which must otherwise have been left there as a wreck. The English Consul Maynard refused to disburse a penny for her, therefore applied to the English merchants, binding himself to take charge of their goods and convey them to Bristol. Was obliged to sell one of her cables to pay part of the charge. Wants anchors, a cable, and other necessaries. *Encloses,*

89. I. *Debtor and creditor account of money received and spent upon the Fox.* *Jan.* 15, 1666.

89. II. *Disbursements towards the outset of the Fox, when shored upright at Lisbon.* *Feb.* 1666.

March 10. Hexham. 90. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Has been a week at Hexham, holding a gaol delivery. Mr. Middleton, the sheriff, desires to go home for a month to his Yorkshire residence, where his wife lies sick, and wants the King's consent.

March 10. Grant in reversion to John and Hugh Seymour of the office of Under Searcher in the port of London. [*Docquet.*]

March 10. Hurley. 91. Earl of Cleveland to Major Marsh. Has sent the names of the officers for whom he intends commissions. Capt. Bridges is to be his lieutenant and Major Truton cornet. Sends a letter from Sir Adrian Scrope. Noted for Tursden to be quarter-master to Jo. March, major. *Encloses,*

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91. L *Sir Adrian Scrope to Williamson. Requests that the bearer's commission may date the 10th or 11th, or he may lose the benefit of being present at the last muster.*

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92. Sir Fras. Cobb to Sir Edw. Brett. Sir Fras. Compton will have informed him about the soldier and Ord; as to Ord's liberty, he has many friends; digested and presented the heads of his letters to the judge, who said that there were none to prove it. Wishes the King service, but is so ill assisted in anything against the sectaries that he is tired out. Could get none to join him in the Lathleys' business, though the paper was proved by oath, and got them to gaol by art, for they are of obstinate principles, and great interest with their sect. There are 13 persons to be hanged, such notorious rogues that it will be a blessing to the country to be quit of them.

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The King to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley. The payments designed for the Victualler of the Navy for this year are 425,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* A direction of 7th January last, ordering that from the additional Royal aid of 1,250,000*l.*, 150,000*l.* should be paid to the navy, out of which 100,000*l.* was for the victualler, is recalled and cancelled, and the said sum for the victualler is to be paid by loans. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 74.]

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The West Friezland, Portsmouth.

93. Capt. Charles O'Bryen to the Navy Comrs. Wishes his old purser Tong continued, as he has completed the ship with all necessaries, and been very diligent; this request must not be taken as a disrespect to orders, but as a charity to an otherwise ruinated man. Begs payment of money due. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

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94. Col. Bullen Reymes to Sam. Pepys. When his work was half finished, found so great a miscarriage in the book, owing to a new clerk's precipitancy, that it must be written over again; begs three weeks' longer time, sooner than send an imperfect thing, to occasion disputes between the officers and pursers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 11.
Portsmouth.

95. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Account of ships in dock. Has sent clerks to the Isle of Wight to receive the money advised of for payment of board wages. The workmen are removed from Gosport, where the plague still increases. A malignant fever rages in Portsmouth, feared by some to be the plague. Wonders why the master and surgeon of the Providence do not come down. Has had a great contest with the pursers about candles; they say they are not to find candles for any purpose whilst in port, but only for sea use. The Baltimore is arrived with a convoy of ships for Tangiers. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

March 12.
Barber Surgeons' Hall.

96. Thos. Canham, Thos. Hollier, and John Harvey, to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledge three letters; have complied with the first by providing a surgeon and chest for the Baltimore; in answer to the second, enclose a list of provisions advisable for the sick and wounded; the third, requiring a timely payment to surgeons of money received upon bills of free gift and imprest, arises from an

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unnecessary cavil of those who think they do not receive it as soon as it is paid by the Treasurer of the Navy. Some delay may be caused by the removing of commanders from ship to ship, carrying their surgeons with them, as was the case when Robt. Pierce was appointed to the Revenge, afterwards sent to the Swiftsure, and finally put into the Resolution; two surgeons then demanded money for the Swiftsure, which was denied to either of them until proper directions could be obtained. Some speedy course must be taken for the payment of bills now in hand, amounting to 1,000*l.* No money has been received from the Treasury for more than six months. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

96. I. *Note by Thos. Hollier and John Harvey of the species and quality of provision of groceries and spices allowed, at the rate of five pounds for every hundred sick and wounded men for six months.*

March 12. Leigh. 97. Sam. Chase, officer of customs, to the Navy Comrs. A topmast and three fishes, supposed to belong to the Old James, have come ashore at Southend; if not quickly secured, the goods will be embezzled. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. Norwich. 98. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Asks directions about buying the parcel of cordage now at Yarmouth; the Messrs. Edgars' ship waits for the rigging, &c., from London; they want the money for those two payments so long due; requests orders to the agent for victualling the ship; has given, by order of Sir Thomas Meadowes, 10*l.* to the men who saved the anchors and cables of the Drake and Roe. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. Yarmouth. 99. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. The Edgars are in a great strait, fearing to launch the new frigate until their creditors are satisfied, lest they should be put in prison; the ship is fit to put into water, and might have been launched six weeks ago, but nothing belonging to her has come down from London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. Chatham. 100. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The Sovereign is safely docked; small masts are much wanted for stores; particulars of ships in dock. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. Bristol. 101. Robt. Yeamans to Sir Wm. Batten. Begs as a favour, in behalf of Fras. Baylie, that masts may be ordered for his new frigate from Portsmouth, where the Friezland is taking in guns and other materials for her; it is a pity so good a ship should lie in port only to wait for masts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. Woodbridge. 102. Edw. Mundy to the Navy Comrs. Has sent a quantity of plank into the stores at Chatham, according to Mr. Lewsley's directions; entreats payment of his former bills for goods delivered 16 months since, or an imprest answerable; Mr. Dean desires a hoy's lading of plank sent to Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 12. Bristol. 103. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The sailmaker cannot afford Vittry for the small sails under his original price, and

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says he shall be a loser by making only the large ones; gives a list of prices on which he will proceed; the justices' meeting signified little as to the forwarding of land carriage; shall be forced to discharge the few hands now employed, instead of being able to take on those formerly put off; is in no hurry about the carved work of his new ship; would rather know how to get timber brought in for building the body; anchors will be ready in a seasonable time; cannot supply a freight of timber out of the forest until the new ship is more advanced, but will send iron work, anchors, &c., instead. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages*.]

March 12. Dover. 104. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Sends an inventory of naval provisions required in the port. Begs payment of the 209*l*. so long ordered. Without money, business will not be done. Men have no stomach to work unless they are paid. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 12. 105. ——— to Lord [Arlington]. Finds writing to him too hazardous, unless something extraordinary occurs, till his friend comes to town, but will report anything worthy of notice. All are quiet, expecting what time may bring forth towards the ripening of their discontents. The nonswearers are getting out of town, but others not so well known will come in from the country and supply their places, to prevent a vacuum.

March 12. Rose Castle. 106. Dr. Thos. Smith to Williamson. Begs favour for Mr. Bonner of Magdalen College, Cambridge, now proctor, touching Simonsburn living, Northumberland, that no grant may be made of it without hearing from the Bishop of Carlisle.

March 12. Cambridge. 107. Willm. Frere to Williamson. Has abstained from requesting favours for several persons, but the interest of the college [Sidney Sussex] compels him to recommend Sir Purney. He had a mandate to the college, but Dr. Minshull, master, and Nethercoat, a fellow, induced the Earl of Manchester, the Chancellor, to countermand it, and say the King wished for a free election. This was done by influence of Lord Montague of Boughton, but Mr. Bertie, the Lord High Chamberlain's brother, and George Tresham of Northamptonshire have changed Lord Montague's mind; he has given Sir Purney leave to tell the Chancellor this, and try to procure another mandate. Begs that if he succeed, the mandate may be expedited, as the election will be shortly; he is not a scholar of the house, but others have been chosen not only no scholars, but no members of the house.

March 12. Tower. 108. Petition of Edw. Knight [or King], prisoner in the Tower, to the King, for the benefit of the Act of Oblivion, for reparation of his innocence from the slanders of Sir Rob. Carr, and for maintenance during his imprisonment. Sir Rob. Carr, for revenge of a quarrel, had him imprisoned in Lincoln gaol in September last; after 12 weeks he was released on his petition to the King, but by Carr's persecution, committed prisoner in February to the Tower.

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March 13. 1. [—— North to his wife], Mrs. Frances North, Gainsborough. Wishes her to write by the carrier, as the post charges 6*d.* a letter. Has sent her all the money he can, but hopes to save the selling their goods; family affairs; advises her and his sister to keep a chandler's shop, or to keep cows, together with a reading school. She and the two boys could come from Gainsborough to London by waggon for 25*s.*, and have the bed brought. Will wait on his noble lord [North] when he returns from a horse race, whither he has gone with the King. [2 *pages, damaged.*]

March 13? 2. Portions of a discourse on the conduct of the godly during persecution, the apostacy of the present times, exercise of Christian graces, &c. [*Similar in handwriting to preceding.* 6½ *pages.*]

March 13. Portsmouth. 3. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has found out an attorney who is reported to know how to be both honest and knavish, and who will accept the required employment. It will be some awe upon the offenders to know that such a man is appointed. The usual course, when an offender is delivered up to justice, is to put him in prison, accept the first bail offered, and so let the matter fall. Could say more on the business if convenient, but it is "easier to speak truth than to prove truth to be truth." Has no wish to bespatter the governor of such a thing as a corporation, although if the Portsmouth corporation were as it ought to be, the King would not suffer so much. Edw. Archer is the man pitched upon as an attorney; he must be empowered to prosecute at once. [*Adm. Paper,* 2 *pages.*]

March 13. 4. Thos. Crowe to the Navy Comrs. Repairs needed for the Henrietta yacht. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 13. Plymouth. 5. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The skipper would rather have his money from the Prize Office at Plymouth, so as to invest it. The Sapphire and Forester are ordered to Ireland; they will each require a cable and suit of sails. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

5. I. *Appraisement by John Richards and four others of deals and tar delivered out of the Shepherd of Hamburg to John Lanyon, by order of the Commissioners for Prizes; total, 220l. Endorsed with a warrant by Sir John Ernle and Sir John Knight to pay the said sum to Derick Clawson, master, on behalf of the proprietors of the vessel, and a note by Lanyon that he thinks this warrant beyond the Commissioners' order, and has no money to pay for it.* [*Copy.*] *March* 7, 1666.

5. II. *Receipt by Capt. Rich Teate for goods delivered from the stores at Plymouth, to be transported by the Friezland for the use of the fleet.* *March* 10, 1666.

March 13. Woolwich. 6. Certificate by Chris. Pett and Thos. Pireen that the fourth payment is due to Henry Johnson and Fras. Barham for their new frigate now building. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 13. 7. Account by Mr. Wilson of the monthly charge of the Admiral's regiment, amounting to 808*l.* With note of 207 deaths in the [London parishes], 29 of which are of the plague. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 13. Deptford. 8. Humphrey Cadbury to the Navy Comrs. Has received no directions from shipwright Pett about the dimensions of masts for the new ships building at Woolwich. Understands they are to be put out by contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 13. The West Friezland. 9. Rich. Tyler, purser, to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Tong has at last come on board. Capt. O'Bryen has disbursed sums for him in his great neglect, and has written in his behalf about his establishment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 13. Deptford. 10. Jonas Shish to Sam. Pepys. Has left at the office a draft on as large a scale as possible of his new ship. Begs materials to carry on the work, while the days are long and the weather good. The Hopewell is in dock for repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 13. Deptford. 11. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Progress of the new ship; knees and treenails wanted; the bolt holes have been open for five months, as the smith has no iron to make bolts with. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 13. Portsmouth. 12. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Is denied a view of the victualling book of proportions by Mr. Gauden's son; desires to be indemnified before the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

12. I. *Memoranda of projected regulations to be observed by the pursers and stewards of ships relative to the supplies of provisions. Endorsed "Mr. Shales' projected form to be affixed public for the pursers' compliance."* [2 *pages.*]

March 14. Gravesend. 13. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Gives a list of the number of men borne and of those mustered upon 22 ships in the Hope and at Gravesend. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 14. The Seven Oaks, Long Reach. 14. Lieut. John Fortescue to the Navy Comrs. Is prevented by indisposition and want of time from appearing personally before the Board, concerning John Gibbs' lost ticket; promises to make satisfaction for it, if the owner will put a stop on the book if it be not found. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 14. Warrant to [John] Bradley to take into custody —— Tibs for contempt of His Majesty's authority. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 38.]

March 14. Warrant to take into custody —— Elliot for seditious practices. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 38.]

March 14. York. 15. John Mascall to Williamson. Was summoned to a meeting of the Common Council, when the King's letter for loans for His Majesty's present supply was read. All resolved to pay the 12 months' assessment down, and to persuade their neighbours to do the same. Sir Harry Thompson tried to induce the aldermen to a subscription each according to his quality. He says he will lend as much as the city's proportion amounts to, if he may collect the assessment, have the allowances proposed by the Act, and six per cent. on his advances.

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March 14. Whitehall. 16. Order in Council authorizing the Lord Admiral to grant letters of reprisal to Hamlet Borer, executor of the late Jas. Pickering, whose ship was seized in 1638 for the French King's service; the losses amounted to 143,932 livres tournois, but the only reparation has been 1,500*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, gained by letters of reprisal of the late usurpers, and no negotiations with the French King have succeeded in obtaining further compensation. [2 *pages.*]

March 15. 17. Examination of Wm. Mumford, of Horsley, near Winchester. before Edw. Warcup, justice of peace for Hampshire. Has been 11 years menial servant to Dorothy, wife of Rich. Cromwell, and manages her business; came to London five weeks since, to get Dr. Wilkins to move the Lord Chancellor that Rich. Cromwell's name might be omitted in the proclamation recalling the English from France, as his debts would ruin him if necessitated to come to England; returned to the country hearing that Cromwell's name was not in the proclamation, but again to London, hearing that it would be in. Lodged in Ayre Street, Piccadilly; had a letter from Rich. Cromwell, for Mrs. Cromwell, complaining for money and condoling for his mother's death; knows of no other person with whom Cromwell corresponds. Went to Newgate to assist his sister-in-law, Eliz. Blackstone, who in distraction had murdered a neighbour's child, Believes Cromwell holds no correspondence with fanatics, nor with the King of France nor States of Holland; but to avoid suspicion, he is going by Dr. Wilkins' advice into Italy or Spain. He passes in Paris by the name of John Clarke, but often changes his name and dwelling, to avoid correspondence; lived with him in Paris last winter twelve months, and his whole diversion was drawing landscapes and reading books; saw no English, Scotch, nor Irish in his company, nor any French but such as instructed him in his sciences. Has no intelligence with intenders against the King, and conceives himself bound to discover conspirators against government. Rich. Cromwell has 600*l.* a year in right of his wife, and is not 6*d.* the better for being the son of the pretended Protector. Old Mrs. Cromwell's estate is in the hands of Jeremy White, Oliver Cromwell's chaplain, who will not come to account for the same, and has not yet conformed; knows of none writing to Rich. Cromwell but his wife, and this examinate. Never heard that the Scotch regiment is coming out of France, and is certain Rich. Cromwell never intended to come with it. Has often heard him pray in private to God to make the King a nursing father to his people, speaking with reverence of His Majesty's grace to himself and family, in suffering them to enjoy their lives and the little fortune they have. Will not meddle further in Cromwell's affairs, if it be prejudicial to the King's service, but neither of them have acted directly or indirectly against government since the Restoration. Has taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy. [2 *pages.*]

March 15. 18. Sir P. Warwick to [Williamson]. Asks dispatch in signing a warrant and two letters about the assessments.

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March 15. Whitehall. 19. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. The Bishop has received no recompense for the Court of Wards belonging to the see, and lately taken away, and has spent all his fines for leases in rebuilding the ruined episcopal houses; he cannot finish them without help from his tenants. Wishes them therefore to confirm, for 21 years, under the chapter seal, three leases from year to year granted by him. [*Copy.*]

March 15. 20. Draft of the above.

March 15. Barnard Castle. 21. Christopher Sanderson to Williamson. Gives required particulars of the engagement, by Sir Phil. Musgrave and himself, of the correspondent for whom the 60*l.* is wanted; 20*l.* a quarter is only reasonable, considering his expenses; wants the money and directions for the party.

March 15. Warrant to John Summer to discharge Thomas Palmer. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 38.]

March 15. Reference to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Ashley, Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, [Sir George Carteret], and the two Secretaries of State, on the petition of the Earl of St. Alban's for a reference on his request for a 30 years' augmentation of the time granted him by the Queen-Mother in the bailiwick and manor of St. James's. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 198.]

March 15. 22. Note of a letter from Mrs. Wentworth to Lord Strafford at Wentworth Woodhouse, to be left at the post, Doncaster.

March 15. Whitehall. 23. H. Muddiman to Edw. Dyer, of Dover. News letter. An envoy from the Bishop of Munster has come to Court. The Scotch regiment has leave to come over, but cannot get their arrears paid. News from Denmark, Portugal, Spain, France, and Holland. Sir Chris. Myngs' fleet is at the Elbe. Sir Jeremy [Smith], with 12 ships and a fireship, has reached Malaga, but the governor is ordered to give no protection either to English or Dutch; if the Dutch and French joined, they would have 30 sail to meet him. Major Hollis pursued a French man-of-war, in convoy of some merchant ships, till his masts were disabled. Several French vessels, laden with linen, are coming to Dartmouth from Morlaix. The True Love convoyed 16 colliers towards the Thames, but 300 more between Yarmouth and Bridlington are kept back by contrary winds. The King's declaration against France was cheerfully proclaimed in Scotland, notwithstanding the ancient kindness between those kingdoms. The deaths at Ipswich are 16, 7 of the plague; Colchester 37, 26 of the plague; Yarmouth 3, none of the plague; London 207, 29 of the plague. The King returned to London last Monday. The Jews hurry from Amsterdam, with great expectations of their Messias, who is said to be a silly fellow, a baker's son. Sir John Jacob, farmer of customs, is dead. People flock after Greatres still, but several who have been stroked by him decry him. His petition for settlement of his lands in Ireland is rejected by Council. The King has gone to the Hope, where, and in the Downs, 55 ships of war will be fitted this week. The Council orders the punishment of an insolence at St Ann's, Aldersgate, in tearing the Book of Common Prayer, [3 *pages, damaged.*]

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March 15. 24. Josiah Child to the Navy Comrs. Has freighted the Lady to fetch masts from Piscatequa in New England; desires protection for her, and privilege to wear the King's jack, as usual for ships on the like employment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 15. The Truelove, Harwich. 25. Capt. Wm. Peach to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered to take station between Yarmouth and Harwich; sends two muster books; wants instructions and tickets. [*Adm. Paper*]

March 15. Portsmouth. 26. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Advises stowing the standing rigging at some distance out of the yard, for fear of fire; if the tar house were also out of the yard it would be less dangerous. Hopes the Franakin is at Harwich; the Hampshire and Wivenhoe ketch have set sail for Tangiers, the Baltimore and Maybell for the Downs; particulars of ships in dock. Never denied candles to the pursers when any carpenters or calkers' work was being done, but for trimming ballast, clearing timber, &c., which is clearly ship's business. Great anchors are wanted. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

March 15. Woolwich. 27. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. The late accident in the House de Swede was caused by one of the men not being sufficiently careful in putting out the fire; the flame was soon extinguished by the water in the buckets, which always stand ready in such works, and by the engine, with no more damage than blacking the side of the ship; will use all means possible in future to perform works of that nature in security; particulars of ships in dock. Is glad that Gottenburg masts are ordered for the new fourth-rate; Sir Thos. Teddeman has sent up 20 pieces of glass for the Royal Katherine; Mr. Harding refuses to repair or fix them, saying it is the neglect of the glazier at Chatham in providing such thin panes, that at the firing of the guns, they were all blown to pieces. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

March 15. 28. J. Uthwat to Thos. Hayter. A small worn pinnace and six oars, delivered from the Young Prince to the John and Margaret, a hired ship, must be charged upon the owners. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 15. The Centurion, Ouseley Bay. 29. Capt. Mark Harrison to the Navy Comrs. Has arrived from the Elbe with Sir Chris. Myngs' squadron, with six ships in convoy; the other Hamburg ships were not ready, though they stayed there 15 days; is ordered to Harwich for repairs. Sir Christopher and most of his squadron are gone to the Downs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16. The Centurion, Harwich. 30. Capt. Mark Harrison to the Navy Comrs. Similar letter, written in case the above should not come to hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16. 31. Sir Geo. Ayscue to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Dan. Jenkins, master of the Elizabeth ketch of London, for employment in the King's service, for one of the two ketches to be allowed for the Prince. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 16. Plymouth. 32. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Is astonished at the charge laid against him by a gentleman of the Prize Office. Sent Capt. Rich. Teate's receipt for the tar and deals out of the Shepherd of Hamburg, last week; never heard a syllable about the 80 tons of brimstone; finds that such a parcel, on board a ship in port, was left to the disposal of the Ordnance Officers, and by them discharged; is as innocent as ignorant of any offence given. Particulars of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

32. I. *Jonas Moore and Edw. Sherburn to Mr. Blake, their agent at Plymouth. Ordered him to forbear unlading or meddling with the brimstone in the St. Nicholas, pretended of Venice, but were afterwards requested by the Ordnance Comrs. to value it. Find that its removal and lodging would be costly, and therefore request him to release it, for the disposal of the owners.* [*Copy.*]
*Ordnance Office, March* 8, 1666.

March 16. Plymouth. 33. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Is thankful to know so much of Sir John Erule's complaint against him, but never had any discontent or misunderstanding with him; should hardly have believed such malice could be vented without any known cause, he seeming very friendly; he has gone to London with Sir John Knight; is well satisfied with Mr. Andrews. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16. The Welcome, Harwich. 34. Capt. Mich. Lindsey to the Navy Comrs. His ship needs calking under water, being much grated by ice in the Elbe; Sir Chris. Myngs is gone to the Downs; is in company with five Hamburg ships and a galliot laden with pipe staves and cordage. Hears that his purser is dead; he has not been aboard this voyage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16. Whitehall. 35. John Evelyn to Sam. Pepys. Sends the Dover account; is expecting those of Deal and Gravesend daily; wishes his estimate for the proposed infirmary returned by the bearer, in order to draw up plans, as soon as an hour can be spared from the present anxiety of how to get money to relieve the sick flock in his district. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16. Norwich. 36. James Johnson to Sam. Pepys. The Edgars will launch their frigate on Wednesday, and are heartily thankful for the hopes they have of money. Is troubled to have given so much disquiet about the cordage; could not come to an agreement, having no power to bid: from 45*s.* to 48*s.* is demanded for a small parcel. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 16. Yarmouth. 37. Henry and Edmund Edgar to the Navy Comrs. Beg that their money may be paid to Alderman Meynell, who holds the two imprest bills; intend launching the frigate on Wednesday.

March 16. 38. Petition of John Merring, merchant, of Plymouth, to the King, for satisfaction from French ships and goods taken, for the Bilboa, the Vine of Plymouth, and one-fourth of the Aprecock; the first was taken by the Duc de Beaufort, and the others were seized at Marseilles by instigation of Capt. Gremeau, of Marseilles, whose

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ship, the John Evangelist, was lately taken and condemned as a prize at Plymouth. Has lost 1,400*l.* by the said ships.

March 16. Commissions for —— Truton to be Cornet, and —— Bridges Lieutenant, to the Earl of Cleveland's troop, in his regiment. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 99.]

March 16. Commission for —— Tursden to be Quartermaster to the Major of Lord Cleveland's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 100.]

March 16. London. Levant Company to Capt. Chamblet and the Commanders of the English ships at Messina. Congratulate their arrival there, but wish them to remain till a convoy or further directions are sent. Will order them the same monthly allowance as they had at Smyrna, viz., the Royal Katherine 200*l.*, Sampson 190*l.*, Hannibal 180*l.*, and Bachelor 150*l.* [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 136.]

March 16. The King to the High Sheriff of Cumberland. On account of a dispute between the Commissioners of the Royal aid in the several wards of Cumberland, an arrear of 106*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* is due, which will become much greater and prove an evil example. He is therefore to appoint a meeting of the Commissioners, require them to settle their differences, pay in their arrears, and the full duty in future. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 172.]

March 16. Whitehall. The King to the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire. Is informed that the Commissioners for the Royal aid in the Isle of Ely have altered a rate agreed on at a general meeting of the Commissioners, whereby an arrear of 70*l.* is incurred, and much greater will ensue. He is therefore to call a general meeting of the Commissioners, requiring the presence of those of the Isle of Ely, to settle the differences according to the directions of the Act. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 173.]

March 16. 39. Nic. Oudart to Lord Arlington. Wants the King's order to the Lord Chamberlain that he may wait on the next vacancy in the privy chamber. *Prefixing,*

39. I. *Certificate by Wm. Flemyng that Oudart was admitted gentleman of the privy chamber November* 18, 1662, *and note that, although the King wished him to become waiter on the first vacancy, owing to his absence on service for His Majesty, others were admitted before him.* [*Copy.*]

March 16. Warrant for a commission to John Earl of Exeter and Henry Earl of Peterborough to be Lord Lieutenants of Northamptonshire. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 39.]

March 16. Warrant to the Ordnance Commrs. to issue from the Tower 40 good defensive arms for the use of the Guards, and to exchange the like number of old ones which will be brought in by the said Guards. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 40.]

March 16. Warrant for the Keepers of the galleries and privy lodgings in Whitehall to have their board wages in lieu of diet, for the year 1663–1664. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 40.]

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March 16. The King to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley. Nominated by a warrant of 21 March last, several persons as receivers general of the Royal aid then lately granted, and to avoid the charge of taking securities in the Exchequer, allowed each receiver to give in the names of sufficient persons who were willing to stand as his security. A fresh aid being now granted by Parliament, authorizes them to appoint receivers both of the first and second aid on similar securities, and to put in execution the powers of the former warrant, for gathering in the said aid. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 41–2.]

March 17. Warrant for the title of Baronet to John Nelthorpe, of Gray's Inn, co. Middlesex, and in default of issue male, to Goddard Nelthorpe, of Clerkenwell, co. Middlesex. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 36.]

March 17. Warrant to pay to Alexander Halsall 360*l.* by appointment of the Duke of Ormond, for moneys for transporting soldiers from Ireland to serve in the fleet last year. [*Docquet.*]

March 17. Warrant for the delivery of 30 tuns of French and Spanish wine to the Conde de Molina, Spanish Ambassador, the same to be allowed on the account of the Farmers of Customs. [*Docquet.*]

March 17. Weymouth. 40. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his letter of the 13th. Has no news.

March 17. 41. Certificate by Sir Wm. Warren that 10 ships named have brought their respective loadings of masts from Gottenburg, and delivered them into the King's stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. 42. [Wm. Wardour] to Lord Ashley. Certifies the payments hitherto made from the counties and towns, on the 18 months' assessment, to March 3; total, 957,286*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*; with the names of the collectors. [2½ *pages.*]

March 17. Woolwich Ropeyard. 43. Wm. Bodham to the Navy Comrs. Has pitched upon a convenient ground for placing the stove, near the tar furnace; one big enough to hold four tons will not cost above 30*l.*; one with an iron pan is the safest, cleanest, and most certain. Fras. Hatter, who has been used to the mystery in England, and worked 14 years in Holland, is a fit person to attend it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. The Leopard, Downs. 44. Capt. Rich. Beach to [the Navy Comrs.]. Sends notes of his carpenter and boatswain's stores, left behind at Portsmoth when he was posted away so suddenly into the Downs, after Sir Chris. Myngs' squadron. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Dover. 45. Thos. White to Sir Wm. Batten. Will be careful not to deliver stores without each captain's signature to the demand. Always examines old sails before giving new ones, and never delivers cables without the captain's hand and a dispute with him of the necessity of it, or if in the Downs, without the Commander-in-Chief's order. Can get no money from Mr. Fenn; on the 25th instant, a whole year's pay will be due. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 17. Dover. 46. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Providence fire-ship is gone to the Downs, there not being sufficient water in the bar to bring her into Dover. Can get no money from Mr. Fenn; must employ another solicitor, and send him express. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Harwich. 47. Capt. Wm. Younger to Sir Wm. Coventry. Finds the Blue Boar to be wholly unfit for service. Begs to be appointed to some other ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Edwinstow. 48. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Has felled and converted 600 trees; the charge for the same, with money due upon the last account, amounts to 125*l.* 18*s.* Wants three or four boys to carry away the timber. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Bristol. 49. Nicholas Danzie and Abraham Robins to the Navy Comrs. Have pressed 30 seamen, and sent some on board the Fox, but the captain having pressed a number himself, and the vessel being small, no more can be received; 13 others, whose names are underwritten, have tickets and conduct money to go by land to Portsmouth. Are still proceeding in the imprest. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Whitehall. 50. Robt. Thomson, groom of the privy chamber, to Sir Wm. Penn. James Kember is the man recommended by Mr. Haywood, page of the bedchamber to the Duke of York, as master of the new frigate to be launched at Dean Forest. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. 51. Certificate by Capt. Thos. Penrose to the Navy Comrs. of John Biffen's service as surgeon to the Monk, since November 2, 1664, during which time he supplied his own chest, having received no allowance but the free gift granted when the ship first set out. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Redriff. 52. Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Comrs. Having masts ready to bring home, accepts their offer to buy and procure owners for ten sail of prize ships, and will fit them up for masts, and victual and man them at his own expense; sees no encouragement for such undertakings at this time of war, but will do it for the King's advantage, and to save charge in looking after prizes and preventing embezzlement. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Weymouth. 53. Constance Pley to Sam. Pepys. Has 1,000*l.*'s worth of sail-cloth and cordage ready for Portsmouth, as soon as convoy is provided. Must have money; desires credits of 250*l.* each on the customs of Weymouth and Lyme, and an order to her husband for 500*l.* more on the treasurer of the county. Has 300 bales of Vittery and Noyals canvas to offer, if it is needed. An absolute prohibition has been made, in public by the Duke Mazarin, now at St. Malo, against the exportation of any sort of brown cloth, upon pain of confiscation; future supplies will be got over at great hazard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 17. Portsmouth. 54. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is a stranger to the course of justice pursued in Portsmouth, and hopes always to continue so. The men imprisoned for buying embezzled goods are

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acquitted for want of prosecution, without any notice given or bail taken; it seems a privilege of the place to live by playing the ——. Has sent for the attorney, and told the magistrates how ill the proceeding will be taken at Court; one of the offenders has a wife and four children likely to fall upon the parish, he having nine months' wages due, which have been stopped; a word or two from the Board to the Mayor might be effectual. The Italians have a saying, "Think much, speak little, but write nothing." Could tell a long story, but not being able to prove it, is silent. The attorney promises to mind his trust and prosecute the King's interest to the full. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

March 18. 55. Receipt by Robt. Younge for provisions from Edw. Riggs, on board the White Horse, to be delivered at Jersey, March 2; with acknowledgment of the same as received at Castle Elizabeth, by Sir Thos. Morgan, governor of the island, March 18, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 18. Norwich. 56. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Will pay the 5*l.* ordered to the Messrs. Edgar on the launching of the frigate. They return thanks for the hope given them of some money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 18. Portsmouth. 57. St. John Steventon to the Navy Comrs. Hopes to have liberty, when the fleet is gone, to come to London and clear his accounts. Sends a blank bill of imprest, to be filled in with what may be thought meet to clear the expenses of fitting part of the fleet there. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

57. I. *Account by the same of his disbursements upon the last imprest of* 1,000*l.*, *and of debts still standing,* 709*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*

March 18. Dover. 58. Jo. Carlisle to [Williamson]. Sir Chris. Myngs has returned from Hamburg, with part of the Hamburg fleet. The Katherine, going to Newport to bring home Lord Stamford and Sir John Gage, pursued two billanders to Ostend; they fired at her, shot the captain's leg off, and killed the gunner. Believes his last letter was intercepted, for he finds the very words of it in Muddiman's Gazette.

March 19. 59. Certificate by Thos. Wood, constable of New Shoreham, and two others, that Isaac Conny, master of the St. Francis of Bourdeaux,—brought in as a prize by Capt. Rich. Poole of the Drake,—with six other persons, has leave to go to Dover, and requesting aid for them, New Shoreham being free from contagious disease. With note from John Carlisle to Mr. Towers, March 24, that the seven persons are to pass, on paying their droits.

March 19. Ordnance Office. 60. Account of arms and ammunition delivered for the Black Spread Eagle, riding in the Hope, Capt. John Silver, commander.

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March 19. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes for discharge of the Bolsa de Lela, with its goods entire, the same being employed to transport the Duke de Veraguas from Ostend to St. Sebastian. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 42.]

March 19. Reading. 61. Sir Willm. Armorer to Lord Arlington. Having no further instructions than to enquire into the man's behaviour, has released him from gaol, on bond of 2,000*l.* for his appearance next assizes. His accuser must be bound over to prosecute him the next Berkshire assizes, or he will be set at liberty. Will do anything more required to satisfy his lordship.

March 19. St. James's. 62. N. Le Fehvre to Williamson. Reqnests a passport for Ostend for James Petersen, who has been 13 or 14 months in the King's service, in the laboratory at St. James's. [*French.*]

March 19. 63. Petition of Willm. Briscoe, yeoman of Middlesex, to the King, for release on surety till he can obtain his pardon. Was convicted of manslaughter because he threw, in wrestling, an ancient neighbour, who died some time after, and being unable to read an old print, was forced to a willingness to be transported. With note in his favour by Sir Wm. Wylde, recorder of London.

March 19. London. Levant Company to Mun Brown. Send 12,000 dollars, and a list of those who have engaged to supply money at 4*s.* a dollar, payahle in four months. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 136.]

March 19. The Friezland, Plymouth. 64. Capt. Rich. Teate, of the Friezland, to the Navy Comrs. Is ready to sail for Portsmouth upon the first opportunity of wind, having taken in the seamen pressed in those parts, as ordered by Sir John Skelton. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19. Ordnance Office. 65. Edw. Sherburne and Fras. Nicholls to the Navy Comrs. Sent the dimensions of the guns for the new ship at Bristol to Mr. Robbins, the ship's gunner, that he might get carriages made according to Sir Wm. Coventry's directions. [*Adm Paper.*]

March 19. Poultry Counter, London. 66. Capt. Val. Tatnell to Lord Brouncker, Begs that his bill of disbursements of 7*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* for the use of the ship Slothany may be signed, and that no more actions may be entered against him than the Board gave leave for; has sustained a great loss, and every one endeavours to increase the burden by putting him to expense. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19. Yarmouth. 67. Capt. Fras. Saunders, of the Sweepstakes, to the Navy Comrs. Messrs. Edgar's new ship is to be launched on Wednesday; has given James Johnson directions for her measurement, and consulted with Mr. Gauden's agent about her victnalling; his orders are to fit her with sea victuals; this is contrary to the King's interest,—petty warrants being a smaller allowance,—and is displeasing to the seamen, who expect their harbour victuals to be fresh. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 19. Chatham. 68. Certificate by Edw. Gregory, and five others, recommending Nath. Holt as a fit person to be trusted with the charge of storekeeper at Chatham, in place of Philip Barrow, resigned. With note of approval by Comr. Peter Pett. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19. Hull. 69. Wm. Blaydes to Sam. Pepys. Supplies the Wivenhoe ketch with all necessaries, as the captain well knows, everything being sold as cheap upon account for the King's service as to others for ready money; is wearied with waiting five months for his money, and paying so much for getting it; begs payment, and a consideration for his charge and pains. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19. 70. Wm. Gilbert to the Navy Comrs. Bought the Flemish hawser enquired about, belonging to a private man-of-war, of John Marshall, of Dover, and sold it to Robt. Johnson, of Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19. Bristol. 71. Fras. Baylie to Sam. Pepys. His charges for the carriage of masts for the Breda by land amounted to 33*l* 10*s*.; if the whole suit of masts for his ship might be remitted by sea, would willingly pay 40*l*. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 19. Bristol. 72. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. It will be a great advantage having masts brought from London by sea; the ship will shortly be ready to launch; wishes a person to be appointed to take possession of her; states the charge for bringing down the Breda's masts by land. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. Portsmouth. 73. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The most convenient place, outside the yard, for the new stove to be erected is between the ropehouse and mastyard; but if it be judged meet to have it inside, there will be room between the tar-house and new storehouse; has received all necessary directions about the building and use of the stove; the master ropemaker will superintend it; is torn to pieces daily with the sawyers, because they have not their wages; begs that some of the money ordered by Col. Norton may be applied to their relief. Tar and hemp will be wanted for the new stove. A master for the Bonaventure and a surgeon for the Clove Tree must be sent down. [*Adm. Paper, pages.*]

March 20. Portsmouth. 74. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The order forbidding any of the King's servants to act as magistrates is questioned, as to whether those already sworn are included, or whether it only applies to a future time; begs the sense of the Board in the matter. Mr. Mayor's sense is that he cannot be taken from his mayoralty but by the King and Council; the case is serious now that the town is infected with the plague, and danger unavoidable while the magistrates live in the yard; the workmen are willing to remove their habitations to a distance, but if others go to and fro, thinks it best for every man to shift for himself and let "what come will come." [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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March 20. The Centurion, Harwich. 75. Capt. Mark Harrison to the Navy Comrs. Waits a favourable tide to haul his ship on shore, [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. Newcastle. 76. John Coudre to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived from Yarmouth Road with the Speedwell, Little Victory, Little Mary, and Little Lion. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. London. 77. John Colvile to Sam. Pepys. John and Fras. Moles are delivering Flanders hemp according to contract, but Mr. Bodham refuses to receive a second parcel without orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. The Fox, Bristol. 78. Capt. Hen. Osgood to the Navy Comrs. Has received on board three weeks' provisions for 150 men. Is ready to sail for Portsmouth upon the first opportunity. Has impressed 30 men, since coming to Bristol, and received on board 34 impressed by Danzie and Robins. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. 79. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Wishes a speedy survey of provisions made by indifferent persons, in reference to the complaint of old and bad victuals served out in petty warrant. Has always delivered wholesome and good food; hopes not to be left to the mercy and judgment of a tumultuous and unreasonable rabble. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages*]

March 20. Ordnance Office. 80. Sir J. Duncombe and Thos. Chicheley, Ordnance Comrs., to the Navy Comrs. Enquire where the Leopard and Yarmouth frigates are, wishing to make an alteration in their guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. The Franakin, Harwich. 81. Peter Slade, master of the Franakin, to the Navy Comrs. The ship was so hurried away from Portsmouth that the necessaries there provided could not be taken in. Hopes Col. Middleton has given account of the things still wanting; six guns are on board, but no carriages fit for them. Begs an order to be supplied with stores and small arms at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. Deptford. 82. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Has surveyed the Dutch prize Fortune; estimates her repairs at 108*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. 83. Request by the purser for extra necessaries for the Coventry on her voyage to Barbadoes, and for the victualler to give money in lieu of beer, to buy rum there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. Chatham. 84. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. The fittest place for erecting a stove, with security in point of fire, is 150 feet above the new rope-house. Can hear of no person capable of giving the least experimental light upon the work. Will bring Mr. Sliter up to town to see Mr. Wood and Mr. Margett's stoves. Particulars of ships in dock. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

84. I. *Petition of the Ropemakers pressed into the service to Comr. Peter Pett, for payment of their board wages, being extremely straitened for want of food, and no longer able to get credit.* *March* 19, 1666.

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84. II. *Capt. John Pearse to Comr. Peter Pett. Begs a line to Sir Geo. Carteret for payment of money due for pitch lately delivered.*
*Shadwell, right against the new church, March* 13, 1666.

March 20. Plymouth. 85. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Is thankful for so gentle a correction of what was amiss, by advice how to act in future; will endeavour to follow both instructions and example. The Sorlings is obliged to come in to re-victual; there is great fault with her purser; some severity had need be used to alarm others. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 20. Warrant for Lord Arlington to be game keeper at Euston and within 10 miles. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 44.]

March 20. Durham. 86. Dr. Jo. Sudbury, Dean of Durham, to ———. Has taken care that his course for next Sunday shall be supplied by a person approved by the Bishop. Begs him to promote a petition enclosed, through a master of request, a secretary of state, or Mr. Williamson, Lord Arlington's secretary, with whom the Dean of St. Paul's will give his assistance. Begs that his old lodgings in Hambden Court, King Street, may be secured for him after Easter, if all there have been well this sick time.

[March.] 87. List of seven gentleman ushers quarter waiters to the Queen.

March 20. Whitehall. 88. Certificate by R. Bellings of the order in which the names of the Queen's seven gentleman ushers are set down in the establishment of her household, delivered him by Viscount Cornbury.

March 21. 89. List of 28 bills, commissions, letters, &c., signed by the King on that day. [1½ *pages.*]

March 21. The King to the [Master, &c., of Emanuel College, Cambridge]. Recommends Sam. Richardson, M.A., to be a fellow there, notwithstanding the statutes of the college, which would render him incapable of election. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 174.]

[March 21.] Note that the Earl of Rochester is sworn gentleman of the bedchamber. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 42.]

March 21. Whitehall. 90. The King to the Lord General, Secretaries of State, &c. Has received their report recommending that the powder and ammunition now in the Tower be removed to a safer place by the Tower wall, near the wharf, with a passage from the wharf through the wall into Coldharbour, to do which some of the buildings near the White Tower will have to be pulled down. Considering the importance of the service, they are at once to see the required works put into operation. [*Copy,* 3 *pages.*]

[March 21.] 91. Draft of the above. [2 *pages.*]

March 21. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 43–4.]

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March 21. Commission for John Snelling to be Lieutenant to Capt. Dorrell in the Admiral's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 102.]

March 21. Victualling Office. 92. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Petty warrant victuals have been duly supplied to ships in the Hope, so that there is no reason for their complaint; the pursers are guilty of great neglect in bringing no warrant from the clerk of the cheque; there are nine great ships at present victualled in the Hope, for which not one warrant is yet received. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 21. Tower Hill. 93. Humphrey Beane to Sam. Pepys. Sends bills for the Royal Exchange and Constant Katherine; they want assignment on Sir Thos. Player, by order of John Fenn. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 21. Yarmouth. 94. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The Sweepstakes is launched, with no greater damage than the breaking of her rudder; Sir Edmond Poolie, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Browne are ready to deliver up the Milkmaid, as soon as fit persons can be appointed to receive her; asks how or by whom she is to be valued. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

94 I. *Certificate by Jas. Johnson, and two others, of the measurement of the Sweepstakes. Yarmouth, Mar.* 21, 1666.

March 22. 95. Capt. Peter Bowen, of the Matthias, to Sir John Mennes. The four months' provision for 190 men allowed the Matthias does little more than floor her; begs that her complement of six months for 200 men may be completed, or an order for ballast given, to put her in sailing condition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 22. Whitby. 96. Thos. Shipton to the Navy Comrs. Sir Wm. Coventry wrote to say that ships were ordered to convey away the pressed seamen; hears nothing of them, although 100 sail of colliers and divers frigates have passed; the men "run rogueing in the country" and threaten his death, and to do mischief if denied anything they desire; fears many will be missed when they should be shipped. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 22. Portsmouth. 97. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has slept for five nights past in the new house, having furnished bedding and linen at his own cost; the greatest charge will be for pewter and chairs necessary for the use of any of the Board coming to Portsmouth; remembers having read a story of Diogois [Diogenes?], who was found one morning begging of a statue; being asked, why he begged of that which could not give him anything, he replied, that he "would learn to be denied." Has not learned the same lesson himself, therefore begs that, unless the Board be likely to allow the charge of the inventory sent, it may not be shown to them; it is better not to ask than to ask and be denied; shall be equally content whether it be granted or not, with this difference, if granted shall be satisfied, but if not, shall not at all be troubled. Only one person is dead

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in Gosport during the last seven days. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

97. I. *List and prices of goods delivered to Comr. Middleton, for furnishing the new house in Portsmouth dockyard; total,* 28*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*]

March 22. Whitehall. 98. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to admit Hen. Cocksedge, groom of the buttery, to the place of Yeoman of the buttery, void by death of John Mackune.

March 22. Order for a warrant to pay a yearly salary of 200 marks to John Lord Berkeley of Stratton, Sir John Duncombe, and Thos. Chicheley, Commissioners of Ordnance, with wages for servants, clerks, &c., as formerly allowed to the Master of Ordnance. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 47–8.]

March 22. Warrant to Sir William Doyley to release Joannes Lowdwell, prisoner in Colchester gaol. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 49.]

March 22. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the ship Copper Slager of Enchuysen to Sir Anthony Des Marces, as soon as the Navy Comrs. have performed the intended repairs thereon. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 49.]

March 22. Warrant for a grant to Francis Lord Newport of the Castle of Shrewsbury and all the lands within the circuit and precincts thereof, with two acres to the north of the castle, on rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 50.]

March 22. Whitehall. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. Dr. Guy Carleton, prebendary there, is required by His Majesty's business in London, where he has also some affairs concerning the rights and profits of Carlisle Cathedral, of which he is dean, which prevent his residence in Durham. Is confident they will not require residence from those whose presence is necessary elsewhere, and therefore commends Dr. Carleton for full allowance of all the profits of his place, notwithstanding his absence. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 175.]

[March 22.] 99. Draft of the above.

March 22. Whitehall. Warrant to the Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster to order a grant to Silius Titus, groom of the bedchamber, of sums not exceeding 1,500*l.* remaining unpaid in the duchy, with power to sue for and recover the same in the King's name. [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 177–8.]

March 22. The King to the Justices of Peace for Devonshire. There is great want of a place to keep such Dutch prisoners as are now remaining at Plymouth; recommends that the house of correction, in St. Thomas' parish, near Exeter, be put into order for their reception, and that they be lodged and kept there till otherwise disposed of. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 179.]

March 22 1 100. Note of three Dutchmen from Rotterdam taken on shipboard, and put in prison at Exeter. [*French.*]

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March ? 101. Petition of John Robinson, searcher in the port of Ipswich, to the King, for a grant to his son John of the reversion of his place, or for permission to resign in his favour; was appointed by the late King and is now infirm.

March ? 102. Petition of John Robinson, searcher in the port of Ipswich, to the King, to grant the reversion of his place to his son.

March 23. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to John Robinson, jun., on surrender in his behalf by his father, John Robinson, sen., of the office of Chief Searcher in the port of Ipswich. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 50.]

[March 23.] Pass for 15 couple of hounds to be sent into Flanders to the Prince de Ligny. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 51.]

March 23. Whitehall. 103. Pass for the Earl of St. Alban's with his train, baggage, &c., into France.

March 23. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 51.]

March 23. Privy seal for 10,000*l.* to the privy purse, without account. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 51.]

March 23. Whitehall. 104. [Lord Arlington to the Mayor, &c., of Peterborough]. Commends to them Mr. Palmer, son of the Attorney General, as burgess for their city, whose election will lay an obligation upon himself, be acceptable to His Majesty, and advantageous to the city. Will be their solicitor in any suit they may have to make to the King. [*Draft.*]

March 23. Reference to Sir Edw. Turner, the King's steward, on the petition of Sir Hen. Wroth, for leave to improve certain acres of land lying in Waltham Forest. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 198.]

March 23. Yarmouth. 105. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Hears that a master is sent down for the Milkmaid. He will come very opportunely, as the Prize Comrs. have just finished their sale and are leaving town, and no one else is appointed to deliver her. All necessaries for the voyage can be furnished at Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 23. Deptford. 106. Tho. Harper, storekeeper, to Thos. Turner. Sends account of Sir Wm. Warren's iron in store; total 108 tons 18 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 23. Plymouth. 107. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Begs reimbursement for money spent upon ships in port; the Adventure is under repair. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 23. The Maybell, Chatham. 108. Rich Bond to the Navy Comrs. Has brought thither sails and canvas, as ordered by Col. Middleton. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 23. Yarmouth. 109. Capt. Fras. Saunders, of the Sweepstakes, to the Navy Comrs. Judicious men think that the Sweepstakes, launched on the 20th, will prove a stout ship and sail well; is ordered to the Gunfleet when victualled and manned; all necessaries can be provided at Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 23. Chatham. 110. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Is thankful that care is taken for the poor ropemakers. Gave Sir Wm. Coventry an account of the riot committed by the seamen about the salt victuals served out in harbour, but receiving no answer, has issued warrants to apprehend the ringleaders. Hopes some severe punishment may be inflicted upon them, having promised them redress the night before, if they would bring in the victuals complained of. Asks whether there is any positive order for spending the remains of sea victuals in petty warrants; does not believe Mr. Gauden would do anything unjust, but fears that some of the victualling agents may take remains from pursers, and serve them out as the King's provisions. Particulars of ships. Small masts wanted. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

110. I. *Estimate by John Owen of the amount of board wages due to the pressed ropemakers; total, 215l.*
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March 24. Bristol. 1. Iseburn Holland to the Navy Comrs. Progress of Fras. Baylie's new ship. Considers a fourth payment due, although the gundeck is not yet laid. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

1. I. *Certificate by Iseburn Holland of the forwardness of the said ship.* *Bristol, March* 24, 1666.

March 24. Dover. 2. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Proposes a French shallop to be fitted up for Sir Arthur Slingsby's use; she is a prime sailer, and fit to go anywhere or do anything, but especially to guard the river; new masts, rigging, anchors, &c., will be required, besides ammunition; wants money exceedingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. Bristol. 3. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The sailmaker is thankful to be disengaged from his bargain; timber comes in more freely than formerly; gun carriages are being prepared; expects by the next post an order on Mr. Morgan for 300*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. Chatham. 4. Comr. Peter Pett to Sam. Pepys. Has taken information from the agents touching divers persons having a hand in the abuse offered to the victualler's house; as long as the masters of attendance observed their duty according to his warrant of 1662, the place was in peace; there is no better way of doing justice and keeping up the interests of the navy than appointing able persons to survey the returns and issues of provisions, so long as great fleets are sent abroad; has surveyed the beef and pork in Mr. Booth's

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storehouse and found it all good and wholesome. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

4. I. *Warrant from Comr. Pett to the Officers of Chatham dockyard, to make monthly surveys of all provisions issued for the ordinary of the navy, returning such as are not according to contract, and if redress be refused, complaining to the Navy Comrs. With a note of the agreement made with Mr. Booth, victualler's agent at Chatham.* [*Copy*, 2 *pages.*] *Dec.* 22, 1662.

March 24. Weymouth. 5. Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. Expected to have received positive assurance of ready money for the goods last advised; they were with much difficulty procured, notwithstanding the solicitations of friends and payment for a passport; has advantageous offers from the shopkeepers of Bristol and Dorchester for the said goods, but, in obedience to the Duke of York's order, tenders them first to the Board; unless speedily supplied with money, the home manufacture of cordage, hemp, and sailcloth must absolutely fail; desires some credits on the customs at Lyme, Weymouth, and Bristol. Will lose unless she has an advance upon her contract. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

5. I. *Notes of particulars of contracts with list of prices of canvas, cloth, hemp, &c.*

March 24. 6. Thos. Perrin to the Navy Comrs. Dead-eyes are wanted for the new ship Warspite, building at Blackwall. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. Portsmouth. 7. John Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. Wishes once in two years to render account of the several sums impressed upon him; begs leave therefore to wait upon the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. Bristol. 8. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Begs that the money designed for his use, which has been advanced to him by Isaac Morgan, collector of customs, may be paid to Rich. Mountney, of the Custom House, London; cannot procure a mainmast, foremast, bowsprit, or mainyard for the new ship at Bristol. With note that the money shall be paid and the fourth payment for extra encouragement allowed, and he shall have masts and yards from Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. 9. Certificate by the Trinity House that Thomas Wadland, of Ratcliff, is fit to take charge as master of any fourth-rate ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 24. Grant to Sir Lionel Tollemache, in trust for the daughters and coheirs of William late Earl of Dysart, of 73 acres of land at Petersham and Ham, co. Surrey, on rent of 25*s.* 0½*d.* [*Docquet.*]

March 24. Grant to Sir Robert Murray, in trust for the daughters of the late Earl of Dysart, of 289 acres and 27 perches of land in Petersham and Ham, co. Surrey, for 61 years, rent 16*l.* 9*s.* [*Docquet.*]

March 24. Commission for Rich. Baggott to be Ensign to Sir Chichester Wray. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 102.]

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March 24. Commission to David Humes to be Ensign to Sir Chas. Littleton. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 102.]

March 24. Commission to Wm. Legg to be Lieutenant to the Major of the Admiral's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 102.]

March 24. Sherborn, Hampshire. 10. Jo. Dobson to Williamson. The daughter of a neighbour of his, a gentlewoman of good stock, whose husband was loyal to the late King, has been sick two or three years, and Dr. Barker, of Newbury, the best physician in the country, says it is the King's evil; she earnestly desires to be touched by His Majesty; asks if there will soon be an opportunity, or if she could have it done privately.

March 24. 11. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Sends a letter from Sir Thos. Clifford; the determination of the matter must rest with the King.

March 24. Reference to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Albemarle, Earl Lauderdale, Lord Ashley, Lord Arlington, and Sec. Morice, of the petition of the Marquis of Worcester to be heard before the said persons. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 199.]

March 24. Reference to Sir Thos. Ingram, chancellor of the duchy [of Lancaster] on the petition of the Marquis of Worcester for reference to him of his suit about Mr. Hall. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 200.]

March 25. Spithead. 12. Capt. Rich. Teate, of the Friezland, to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived with stores from Plymouth. Desires further orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 25. 13. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sir Wm. Batten. Asks whether Capt. Reynolds is to remain at Margate, and have masts, &c., sent down to him, or come to Sheerness; advises the latter, as the voyage designed for him is long, and his ship not to be trusted without searching. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

13. 1. *Capt. Ja. Reynolds to Sir Wm. Coventry. Left his mainmast and other materials with Mr. Hoseley, master of a galliot hoy, who has brought the sails and other trivial things, but left the mainmast, stays, and shrouds floating, without so much as an anchor to hold them; knows not where to look for them, it having blown hard all night; if another mainmast be sent down, begs speedy notice of it, in order to raise a pair of shears to receive it. Wishes to take* 30 *good seamen from the Princess. The fugitives who deserted the ship have been taken out of irons, as they only ran away for fear of the mainmast falling upon them, and as there are no others to do the work.*

*Westcote Bay, near Margate, March* 24, 1666.

March 25. Portsmouth. 14. Ben. Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Does not consider himself concerned in their letter of March 20. Has enquired as to what might be done by the justices in his absence in similar cases, and finds that one Wm. Standen, never accused before him, was not so fully accused before them as to be denied bail with sureties; the other person named

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in the town clerk's report was acquitted; can hear of none imprisoned and acquitted without bail, except a boatswain sent to the prison of the keep by Comr. Middleton, and after some days, ordered to be delivered to the captain of the Happy Return, to be carried to the fleet, and tried by a court of war; the deputy mayor still continues in office, appears in all places, and has possession of the mace and seals; his own title of mayor never has nor shall be any hindrance to the duties of his storekeeper's charge; was obliged, upon the alarm of the plague at Gosport, to appear in council once or twice, to settle means of prevention. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

14. I. *Examination of Godfrey Morgan, of Portsmouth, ropemaker, before Ant. Haberley, deputy mayor. Found sundry pieces of rope in the houses of Wm. Standen and Hen. Tovey, ropemakers, and removed them into the King's dockyard. Also examination of Wm. Standen. Bought from the boatswain of the Oxford pieces of old rope only fit for paper stuff. Knows nothing of the other ropes named. With note by Th. Cullins, town clerk, that Standen, who was in prison, stands bound to answer to the premises the next borough sessions.*

*Portsmouth, Feb.* 27, 1666.

March 25. Portsmouth.

15. Comr. Thos. Middleton to [Sam. Pepys]. There is no danger from the rising of the spring in the yard; it can easily be turned by a wooden gutter, like that in the dock. The building of the new second-rate ship need not be obstructed, for the best place for a new dock of sufficient magnitude to receive second and third rate ships is where the graving place now stands. Mr. Tippetts asks leave to come to London to make up his accounts. Can spare the masts desired for Bristol; did not understand that any were to be made, but merely the trees appointed for them; would have been wholly incapable of doing such a thing, by reason of the extraordinary work now in hand; it is safer to send them unmade. Capt Teate is arrived at Spithead, with 66 men from Plymouth, most of them sad fools, of all trades, fit to settle a plantation; they would do more good at Barbadoes than in the King's ships. Hoped an order would have been sent for the present dismission of officers from town service. Mr. Steventon promises to resign at Michaelmas; hopes the others will be wise enough to do the same. Intends keeping his old quarters at the payhouse as long as possible, "a good sawdust fire and the sweet perfume of tarred ropes under it, is better than Portsmouth can afford." The plague decreases at Gosport. Approves of the place designed for the stove. As for a watch, six good dogs are better than 60 men; "the more watch the more thieves;" is out of all hopes to reduce them to anything like honesty, and is ashamed to say what has been already stolen; can instance one thing in the new boat built for the York last winter, which was carried away, and never heard of to this day. Intends paying off and discharging the mutinous sawyers. Has arranged with the master ropemaker about hemp and tar for cordage. The Bonaventure is about to sail. Convoy is ordered for the Weymouth

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goods. Cannot tell why the mast ships are not at London; they were unladen a month since. Keeps in his cell and seldom goes out to enquire after news. [*Adm. Paper*, 5½ *pages*.]

March 26. Dover. 16. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Sends his son Wm. Richards express to London, to solicit payment of money due to that port; he brings the quarter's account from Christmas to Lady Day. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. Yarmouth. 17. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Has agreed for the cordage at 45*s*. per ton; asks where it is to be sent. The master for the Milkmaid has not yet appeared. Supposes the surveyor's employment upon the Sweepstakes may now cease; has made one muster, at which 54 men appeared. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. Bristol. 18. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Is disappointed that the bill to Mr. Morgan is not sent down; must return to the forest unable to satisfy the workmen. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. 19. Nicholas Danzie and the officers of the St. Patrick to the Navy Comrs. The Fox continuing still in the road prevents the impressing of seamen from ships coming into harbour. List of 17 men who have received their tickets and conduct money for Portsmouth. Noted "Go on pressing." [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. The Paradox, Gravesend. 20. Capt. Leo. Guy to Sir Wm. Coventry. One hoy has arrived; is requested by the Hull masters to be their convoy to Hull. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. Hull. 21. Wm. Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. The Lizard is damaged in a storm; cannot undertake to refit her, unless paid out of the customs at Hull. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. Deptford. 22. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Account of provisions wanted for the new ship. A small parcel of knees has arrived; dated March 24 and 26. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. The Fox, Bristol. 23. Capt. Hen. Osgood to the Navy Comrs. Has been weather bound, and fears to be detained 10 or 12 days longer. Begs a supply of provisions, having only 10 days' victuals on board. [*Adm. Paper*.]

March 26. 24. Names of the 14 persons who are to be warned home by proclamation in pursuance of the Act, viz.: Wm. Scot, son of Thos. Scot, executed for high treason, Sir Rob. Honeywood, jun., Col. John Desborough, Col. Kilpatrick, —— Grove, Algernon Sidney, Oliver St. John, Rich. Steele, Newcomen and Hickman, ministers, Rich. Cromwell, John Phelps, Col. Cobbett, Rich. Dean.

March 26. Westminster. 25. Chas. Gringand to Lord Arlington. Cannot attempt to discourse with him, on account of the great affairs lying upon his lordship. Requests the reversion of the surveyorship of excise, after Sam. Jefferies, who is very sick; the salary is 100*l*. The King promised him a reward for his late sufferings in Holland, if he could find some place of profit.

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March 26. Warrant to Lord Ashley to pay 20,000*l.* from the money advanced for the sale of the East India prizes to Sir Geo. Carteret, for the service of the navy, after payment of 30,000*l.* before ordered for the same purpose, and of 20,000*l.* for the garrison at Tangiers, revoking a former warrant to pay 30,000*l.* therefrom to the victualler of the Navy who is otherwise supplied. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 61.]

March 27. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to release two Swedish ships, the Dove of Gottenburg and Phœnix of Riga, at request of the Resident of Sweden, without attending the proceedings of the Admiralty Court. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 52.]

March 27. Grant to Edm. Wyndham, gentleman of the privy chamber, of 770*l.* to be paid by Rob. Wilmot and five others, in full discharge of all claims of the Crown to certain logwood or Campeachy wood, seized in the Peahen during the late usurpation, and restored to the said merchants, on bonds to pay the value into the Admiralty Court, in case it be adjudged lawful prize; the securities being unwilling to let their bonds stand longer, the said 770*l.* is accepted in lieu of the same bonds (now to be restored) by the King and by Edm. Wyndham, to whom His Majesty granted all benefits likely to accrue from the said woods. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 53–8.]

March 27. Declaration by the King, that he has referred the examination of divers abuses in the election of fellows in Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Chancellor Clarendon, and others, who are to endeavour to compose all differences, or on failure thereof, to make a report on the state of the college. [*Ent. Book* 14, *pp.* 78–9.]

March 27. Portsmouth. 26. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Does not remember any anchors being delivered into the stores from a prize ship. Has shipped 16 of the mutinous sawyers on board the Ann; though the men deserve sharp punishment, yet his heart yearns something after the poor women, and much after the poor babes; sawyers must be had; if these be restored, they promise never again to commit the same error. Is glad the things are allowed for his new house. Particulars of ships; 29 or 30 guns will be sufficient for the Orange prize, as she is in his own condition, "somewhat ancient and crazy." Is offered English hemp at 38*s.* per ton. Capt. Ben. Johnson promises to appoint his deputy to mind the town business. [*Adm. Paper*, 2¼ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

26. I. *List of the names and families of* 12 *sawyers on board the Ann, with entreaty from the women and children for pity and relief.*

March 27. Portsmouth. 27. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The last quarter's salary for himself and clerk is still unpaid; attributes the obstruction to Mr. Madox's illness; begs it may be procured, and a bill made out for the present quarter. Asks what allowance is made for ink and paper, and for what is disbursed on the new house. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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March 27. Royal Charles. 28. Sir John Mennes to Sam. Pepys. In paying the Royal Charles, finds divers tickets of long standing which have never been examined nor signed, either at the ticket office or by the Board, though sufficiently certified by the officers of the respective ships; sends up a parcel of them to be examined by the purser, much to the discontent of the seamen, who think all delays designed to keep them out of their money. Four more such ships to pay off will soon swallow up the 10,000*l.* brought down. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

March 27. 9 P.M. 29. Sir John Mennes to Sam. Pepys. Committed a gross mistake in saying the 10,000*l.* would be swallowed up in the payment of four ships; finds that 3,500*l.* is already paid away on the Royal Charles, and 1,000*l.* due upon tickets, which will be almost half the money; begs that this error may make no retardment in sending down more.

March 27. Cockpit. 30. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. The soldiers drawn out under Sir Edward Broughton to go to Guinea are to be paid for the time they served on board the Eagle. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 28. Portsmouth. 31. Sir Wm. Berkeley to Sir Wm. Coventry. Entreats the payment of 133*l.* 12*s.* due to Mr. Shales for bread, and recommends Shales's brother as a lieutenant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 28. The Pembroke, Tynemouth. 32. Capt. Rich. Goodlad to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived in company with 3 victuallers and 55 other vessels, from the Downs and Yarmouth; no Dutch privateers were seen or heard of during the passage. Is ordered by Sir Chris. Myngs to repair to Flamborough Head, and cruise in and out of that station. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 28. 33. Petition of Col. Stephen White to the King, for the place of Pensioner at Hull, void by preferment of Capt. Morrough Flaherty to service in Tangiers. Asks that the 2*s.* 6*d.* a day allowed to the said captain may be paid the petitioner in His Majesty's own company where he now is, with arrears due since the captain's preferment; has received no allowance for his 2½ years' service in the said company.

March 28. 34. Petition of the Royal African Company to the King, for permission to have again the Golden Lion ship, as formerly given them, to be admiral of their fleet which is to go with men, ammunition, and merchandise, to the Gold Coast, to preserve their own possessions, and to recover, as far as possible, those taken by the Dutch.

March 28. 35. John Sudbury, Dean, and the Chapter of Durham to the Bishop of Durham. Have received the King's letter of March 15, and will be ever ready to obey his commands, and those of his lordship; request time to consult whether they can do so, agreeably to the trust reposed in them for the good of the see, and to inform the King more fully on some points, and receive his fuller answer. [*Copy.*]

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March 28. Warrant to pay to John Lord Berkeley, Sir John Duncombe, and Thos. Chicheley, Ordnance Commissioners, 200 marks yearly, as formerly paid to the Master of Ordnance, with allowances for a clerk and three servants. [*Docquet.*]

March 28. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General on a petition of Henry Earl of St. Alban's, Sir Edw. Turner, Sir John Denham, Sir George Ayscue, and Sir Rob. Parkhurst, for an order to the said attorney to forbear prosecution on an information of Mr. Radcliffe against the petitioners, relating to the River Wey. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 199.]

March 28. Chester Castle. 36. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Has received a prisoner, suspected as a dangerous person, but he declares himself a Cumberland man, and some of the writer's servants know him as Rice Beaumont, marshal under Sir Wm. Huddlestone [or Hurlestone] in the late war, and now a pedlar, selling tobacco up and down the country. Will keep him till further directions. *Encloses,*

36. I. *Examination of Reuben Smith, of Rainhill, co. Lancaster, before G. Ireland. Was drinking at Thos. Standstreet's house, Tarbock, when a person came in very like Col. Hewson; challenged him as Hewson, on which he blushed, but said Hewson was buried two years ago beyond seas. The person has long wandered about that part of the country selling tobacco. Saw him in prison when he was apprehended, and believes him to be the Hewson who was colonel in Cromwell's army, and whom he saw 20 times in London when a journeyman.*
*Hale, March* 23, 1666.

36. II., III. *Like examinations of Hen. Ashton, of Whiston, and of Wm. Carter, of Maudsley, co. Lancaster. Apprehended a wandering tobacco seller on suspicion of his being Col. Hewson, who was excepted from the Act of Indemnity as guilty of the murder of the late King. He says he is Rich. Harby, of Egremont, Cumberland; that he served the King beyond seas, and receives from him a pension of 8l., but that he knew Col. Hewson, and was at Rouen when he was buried three or four years ago. Believes him to be Hewson; he has twice tried to make his escape.*
*Hale, March* 23, 1666.

36. IV. *Like examination of Rich. Harby, of Egremont, Cumberland. Was born in Montgomeryshire, but was* 40 *years shopkeeper at Egremont, and is well known to Sir Phil. Musgrave and others; came into Lancashire a year ago, and lodges with Gilbert Tarleton of Childwall. Never bore arms against the late King. Was at Rouen when he heard that Col. Hewson was buried. Was cornet and marshal under Sir John Redman, who kept Pomfret Castle for the King, and quartermaster to Sir Wm. Huddlestone, of Millum Castle, Cumberland. Has been to Bristol to buy tobacco, and sells it again in Lancashire and Cheshire.* *Hale, March* 23, 1666.

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36. v. *Examination of Gilbert Tarleton, butcher, of Childwall, Lancashire. A person calling himself Rich. Harby, seller of tobacco, took lodgings in his house, and often came from Saturday to Monday; he said he had been a shopkeeper in the North, and that his nephew had been a tobacco planter beyond seas, and lived in Cheshire, but he would not say where. No persons suspected of disloyalty resorted to him.* [1½ *pages.*]
*Hale, March* 24, 1666.

36. vi. *Earl of Derby to Sir Geoffrey Shakerly. Sends him a person suspected to be Col. Hewson. He gives no good account of himself, and is known by nobody. He calls himself Rich. Harby or Rice Beaumont. He is to be kept in safe custody till the King's pleasure is known.*
*Knowsley, March* 25, 1666.

36. vii. *Dr. Allan Pennington to Sir Geoffrey Shakerley. The prisoner sent to him, mistaken as Col. Hewson, is the pedlar, Rice Beaumont, who formerly frequented his father's house and most of the gentry in the county, was marshal to the writer's uncle, Sir Wm. Huddleston, and married and lived at Egremont. There are many others who know him. John Kirkbank relates how he was taken prisoner with him, and by their courage and subtlety, they fought themselves into liberty.* [1½ *pages.*]
*Chester, March* 27, 1666.

March 28. Middle Temple. 37. Ja. Donelan to Williamson. Waits in town for Lord Arlington's commands, and his recommendations to the Commissioners of his acquaintance. Sir Patrick Muledy assures him of the continuance of Williamson's favours. Offers to send him a brace of Irish greyhounds. [2 *pages.*]

March 29. 38. H. Muddiman to [his Correspondents]. Will send letters once a week or oftener, if returns are made, addressed to John Cook, secretary to Sir Wm. Morice. [*Copy by James Hickes.*]

March 29. Royal assent to the election of Dr. Robt. Price, Bishop of Ferns and Kochleigh [Leighlin] in Ireland, to be Bishop of Bangor. [*Docquet.*]

March 29. 39. List of 59 papers, commissions, letters, &c., signed by the King, March 16, 23, 27, and 29. [2½ *pages.*]

March 29. Tower. 40. Sir J. Duncombe to Lord Arlington. Sir G. Downing's opinion differs from what was concluded at the Lord Chancellor's; he will not be there this afternoon unless sent for. Lord Townsend has brought in subscriptions to the amount of 20,000*l.* from the able men of the county, but is resolved to press it no further. Endorsed "Comrs. for the Ordnance."

March 29. Whitehall. 41. Warrant for a grant to Chris. Pack, of Cotes, Leicestershire, younger son of Alderman Pack, of the dignity of a Baronet, with discharge of the usual services and payments.

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March ? 42. Petition of Sir James Bunce to the King. The sum of 5,826*l.* is due to him for debts contracted in His Majesty's service, which the Lord Treasurer is unwilling to pay, because part was disbursed for service in Scotland, although only 1,188*l.* was so disbursed. Begs deliverance from the tedious, if not impossible, way of payment in Scotland, by an order on the excise for the debt, only 50*l.* of the whole having been paid him.

March 29. 43. Petition of Sir James Bunce to the King. Spent large sums for their late and present Majesties, the consideration of which was referred to the Lord Chancellor and Sec. Nicholas, as being with His Majesty beyond seas, but though a debt of 5,826*l.* was proved, the Lord Treasurer hesitates to pay it, because some of the disbursements were for service in Scotland. Prays for a speedy payment from the East India Company prizes or the Customs, respiting the interest till the Exchequer is in better condition.

March 29. Order to Sir Thomas Ingram, [chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster], to issue a warrant for payment to Silins Titus, out of the receipts of the duchy, of 1,200*l.*, due to him from the King, in such proportions as the exigency of the revenue will bear. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 59.]

March 29. Warrant from Lord Arlington, requiring Robert Paige and three others of Wivenhoe, Essex, to appear before the Bishop of London on April 19, to make out their respective informations against Mr. Depower, their minister. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 59.]

March [29.] Whitehall. 44. Order for a warrant to pay to George Cock 40,000*l.* from the Royal aid, after previous assignments for the maintenance of the sick and wounded, and of Dutch and French prisoners.

March 29. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 60.]

March 29. Portsmouth. 45. Comr. Tho. Middleton to [Sam. Pepys]. The Mars cannot be fit for any service without great cost in boxing out her stern; she is so tender sided that the men feared to have been drowned before reaching the harbour. Mr. Tippetts will bring a draft of the new dock when he comes to London. Hopes it may be put in hand at once; the King will, in one year, save the whole charge of it in men's labour, besides having the work better done. No part of England is better suited for docks than Portsmouth. Will send the six masts ordered. Is ashamed to see such pressed men as are sent from Devonshire in the Golden Lion; has discharged three of them, one with the falling sickness and a lame arm, another with dead palsy on one side and not any use of his right arm, and the third as bad as any of them. The man who bought the embezzled rope is acquitted and out of gaol; has refused to pay his wages; there are eight or nine months owing, which will help to compensate for the goods purloined. Capt. Ben. Johnson has absented himself very little lately, and promises wholly to give up the town business. The mutinous sawyers are thoroughly humbled, and half of them sick; could almost petition for them, despite his anger; "mercy is

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better than sacrifice;" dares almost undertake to be punished for them if they do so any more. Complains of the captain of the Essex neglecting his business. Is offered 600 loads of timber, the best in the country, at 48*s.* per load. The Delft is arrived from Jersey, with victuals spent and long boat lost. Never knew such carelessness as among naval officers in general. They seem to act as if it were their duty to destroy rather than to preserve. [*Adm. Paper, 5 pages.*]

March 29. Surgeons' Hall. 46. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Calls attention to the new bills sent in last week. The surgeons of the Wivenhoe ketch and Convertine have changed places. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 29. 47. Thos. Lewis to the [Navy Comrs.]. List of the supernumeraries borne upon 13 merchant ships employed in the King's service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 29. Dover. 48. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Is tendered 8 or 10 tons of Irish tallow and 10 bales of Noyals canvas: asks if they are to be received. Wants money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 29. Three certificates relating to the Sparrow pink; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

49. By Jonas Shish, of her measurement and burden. March 10, 1666.

50. By Thos. Lewis, of her beginning on 7th April 1665 to take lading as a victualler. Victualling Office, March 29, 1666.

51. By Thos. Lewis of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by Thos. Ockley, master. Victualling Office, March 29, 1666.

March 29. Deptford. 52. Sir Wm. Batten to the Navy Comrs. Wishes the consent of the Board to bring the Defiance into dock. Cannot get a bolt made for the new ship; she is hung by shores, which is very inconvenient and hazardous. The smith has received no money from Mr. Fenn; it is impossible to carry on business unless these things be remedied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 29. Whitby. 53. Thos. Shipton to the Navy Comrs. No vessel has yet been sent to fetch the impressed seamen from Scarborough. The long delay is very chargeable, and will make the men more unserviceable. The frigate ordered to Hull for pressed men has received some damage in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 29. Dover. 54. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Is obliged again to complain of Mr. Wivell; was in friendship with him until the discovery of several abuses; "It is his temper never to agree with any but those that will be silent;" finds him frequently guilty of mistakes; in the books and indents sent up to London, he scrapes out and puts in what he pleases; he now refuses to show his books, and threatens to leave the service if obliged to be under command, bragging that he has a large estate, and that his present

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occupation hinders his private business. Hears that he was one of the persons in the late times employed to take up the tenths of sequestered estates, and that at the time of the fanatics', rising in London, he climbed up a wall into the fort under Dover Castle, by night, and was there taken, for which action he would have received punishment but for great friends. Is informed by the purser of the Loyal Subject of the bribery and unfair dealings between Mr. Wivell and Aaron Wellard, a brewer; 30*s.* is gained between them upon every tun of beer bought from the pursers of various ships. If Mr. Wivell continue longer in the service, the credit of the port will be spoiled. [*Adm. Paper*, 3½ *pages, damaged.*]

March 30. Yarmouth. 55. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. In the absence of the Commissioners of Prizes, has received the Milkmaid, and given a receipt to the value of 627*l.* 5*s.*; will assist the master with all things necessary for her fitting to sea; the empty cask on board, unless bought by the victualler, will be discharged. Asks whether the Sweepstakes is to be completely furnished at Yarmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. Yarmouth. 56. Thos. Stollard, master of the Milkmaid, to the Navy Comrs. The ship is appraised to the value of 627*l.*; new rigging and sails are wanted; requests a warrant for the entering of 26 men, and a supply of victuals accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. Rochester. 57. Capt. John Fortescue, of the Loyal Subject, to Sir Wm. Clarke. Was ordered by Sir Chris. Myngs to apply to the Commissioners at Chatham for clearing and victualling his ship; has been to the dock, but finds neither commissioner nor master shipwright there; begs that carpenters and calkers may be sent down. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 30. Order for a warrant to allow to Sir Richard Pigott and two other farmers of the revenue of hearth money, the defalcations and deductions out of the yearly rents for any part of the said revenue paid for the King's use, or pardoned or released to any persons, as promised in the original contract. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 63.]

March 30. Pass for the ship House of Austria, employed to convey the Duchess of Veraguas, her train and servants, from Flanders to Spain. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 67.]

March 31. Warrant to the Keeper of the Gatehouse to receive into his custody the person of George Elliot, and keep him close prisoner, for publishing scandalous libels and pamphlets. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 64.]

March 31. Warrant to Sir Robert Hanson and Sir Wm. Hooker, sheriffs of London and Middlesex, to release on bail, till he shall obtain a pardon, William Briscoe, sentenced to transportation for accidentally killing an ancient man in wrestling, for which he has endured a long imprisonment. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 64.]

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March 31. Whitehall. 58. Pass for 12 horses into France, custom free, as being for the use the Commander de Sauvre.

March 31. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 65.]

March 31. Westminster. 59. Passport for Bartholomew Albrici, one of the King's musical composers, to go abroad on the King's affairs, thence to return shortly, bringing back some companions for His Majesty's use. [*Latin.*]

March 31. 60. Willm. Leving to Lord Arlington. Was told by two Baptist women that the party are jealous of his being in town, he having no employment, and say that this hinders their designs; satisfied them with assurances that he never had done them harm, laying the suspicion upon others; said that he should get civil employment if possible, and if not, that he would travel; an employment in the Customs, to colour his being in town, would be convenient; will serve His Majesty by land or sea, but if there be no employment for him, cannot live there without money, and begs a line to say that he does not desert the cause without leave.

March 31. 61. Phineas Pett to [the Navy Comrs.?] One of the two prize ships appointed to fetch the masts from Scotland not being ready, proposes that the St. George, belonging to the Earl of Bath, be sent for them, with the other prize. Requests also, that the contracts with Sir George Mackenzie and others for masts from Scotland, confirmed by the Board, may be looked into, and such dispatch given that a breach of covenants may be prevented, and a seasonable supply of these provisions expected. [*Damaged.*]

March 31. Whitehall. 62. Petition of John Barcroft, Serjeant-at-arms, to the King, for licence to export to Jersey and Guernsey 1,000 tods of wool, 50 tons of lead, and 30 dickers of leather; being sent into those islands on service, gave such content that the inhabitants chose him their receiver and solicitor. These goods are much wanted there, as the great support of the islands consists in knitting and making woollen stockings. With reference thereon to the Lord Treasurer, and his report, April 11, 1666, in favour of the petition.

March 31. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 200.]

March? 63. Petition of Somerset Fox to the King, for payment of the two and a half years' arrears of his pension of 300*l.*, granted for his losses in the cause of the late King, but stayed with other pensions, and for a transfer thereof to his intended wife, being in treaty for a marriage that may repair his fortunes, but the chief obstacle thereto is the stop of his pension.

March 31. Warrant to pay to Somerset Fox the arrears of his pension of 300*l.* notwithstanding the order for stay of pensions. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 179.]

March? 64. Petition of Damaris, widow of Dr. Kingsley, prebendary of Canterbury, to the King, for a letter to the Dean and Chapter to renew her lease of a small house near the churchyard, in which she

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hoped to end her days, which lease they are unable to renew without His Majesty's dispensation, because of local statutes which forbid the new leasing of houses adjoining the churchyard; her eldest son lost his life in the service of the late King.

March 31. Letter to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, for Damaris Kingsley, widow, of Canterbury, to renew her lease. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 180.]

March 31. London. 65. Sir William Thomson, governor, and two of the committee of the East India Company to Lord Arlington. Have with difficulty induced a quorum of the committee to subscribe a letter of credit to Sir Gervase Lucas, for 1,500*l.*; desire to know on whom Sir Gervase shall charge the bills, and request that the amount may be repaid to the East India Company, by the sale of the first prize goods, or by deduction from the Customs.

March 31. Weymouth. 66. Geo. Pley, [sen.,] to Sam. Pepys. Hears that the parcel of canvas is accepted by the Navy Comrs., upon the desired terms. Requests convoy to Portsmouth. One of their ships from St. Malo was boarded by a French man-of-war and carried to Rochelle. She will soon be released, having the Duke of Mazarin's pass on board, being in a Frenchman's name, and pretended for Dunkirk. Begs that she may not be taken by any of His Majesty's frigates in returning. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 31. The Franakin, Harwich. 67. Peter Slade to the Navy Comrs. Has received gunner's stores, and sails from Portsmouth. Wants a capstan and two pairs of handscrews, also a box of medicines, with notice how to use them, as there is no surgeon on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 31. Newcastle. 68. Hab. Wiles, master of the Golden Hand, to the Navy Comrs. Was forced to repair a leak at Tynemouth. Has taken in 190 chaldrons of coal, Newcastle measure; all the other King's ships are laden. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 31. The Welcome. 69. Capt. Mich. Lindsey to the Navy Comrs. Has received four months' provisions for 150 men. Can carry six guns more. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 31. The Land of Promise, Sheerness. 70. Capt. Charles Juxon to the Navy Comrs. Is sent into Sheerness, by order of Sir Chris. Myngs, to repair a leakage and the springing of a mizen mast. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March 31. Dover. 71. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The smith desires that iron may not be priced too high, considering the terms of his contract. Begs a supply of money before the arrival of the fleet in the Downs. The water smacks might fetch ballast and save 3*s.* per ton. The Noyals canvas merchant asks 26*l.* for a bale of 196 ells. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

71. I. *Proposals by the same for the defence and improvement of Dover harbour, by the erection of a grine or jetty. Instances of ships injured for want of such security. To raise money for the work, a tax of* 12*d. per ton should be levied on all ballast, which, with the harbour dues, would be sufficient.* [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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March? 72. Petition of Thomas Earl of Berkshire to the King, for leave to purchase on appraisal a prize ship, now come into the river, and that His Majesty would employ the said ship.

[March.] 73. Petition of John Bubb to the King, for reprieve from execution till a review of his sentence by the judges; in a quarrel, struck George Edwards in the eye with a tobacco pipe, and he died within a month after; the surgeons declare that his death was not caused by the blow. *Annexing,*

73. I. *The Earl of Bedford, Thos. Snag, high sheriff of Bedfordshire, and other Justices of the Peace to Sir Hen. Wood, Bart. Entreat him to procure the respite of John Bubb; a gentlewoman surgeon of good repute is ready to attest that George Edwards did not die of the wound given him by the tobacco pipe; the whole county is anxious for the respite.* *Lidlington, March* 5, 1666.

March? 74. Petition of Robt. Foster to the King, for the almsman's place in Durham Cathedral, void by the death of Hen. Maland; fought for the late King at Edgehill, Brentford, &c., and was dangerously wounded at Marston Moor.

March? 75. Petition of Rich. Hodges, of Maidstone, to the King, for a letter to the Governor of Sutton's Hospital to elect his grandson, John Hodges, a poor scholar there, in room of his brother James who, contrary to the custom of the house, was sent out apprentice on the dissolving of the school at the late great visitation. Lost all his sons in His Majesty's service, and one of them left four children.

March? 76. Petition of David Merrit to Humphrey, Bishop of London and Bishop Almoner, to be one of those who shall receive the King's pious charity on Maundy Thursday next; is friendless, almost naked, and perishing through age and lameness.

March? 77. Petition of Sir Philip Palmer, Bart., to the King, for licence to transport 10,000 head of fat cattle from Ireland to England, between July and December, the furnishing the navy making beef dearer than usual. His father, Sir James Palmer, Bart., and his uncle, Sir Roger Palmer, lent 10,000*l.* to the late King; has himself served, and is in danger of arrest from his father's debts.

March? 78. Petition of Sir Philip Palmer, Bart., His Majesty's servant, to the King, for 4,000*l.*, to stay the clamour of his creditors, until he can receive 10,718*l.* lent by his father, Sir Jas. Palmer, Bart., and his uncle, Sir Roger Palmer, R.B., to the late King, whereby he lost most of his patrimony. *Annexing,*

78. I. *Schedule of the above-mentioned debts.*

March? 79. Petition of John Tiler to the King, for permission to serve him against his French enemies, in the meanest post; has lost much by the disappointment of the late Turkey fleet, and longs for a personal engagement with the enemy; can engage to raise a company in six weeks.

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March ? 80. Petition of Sir John Towris, Bart., to the King, not to suffer him to lie in that infamous place, where he has not an hour of health, nor the necessaries of life; has been four months in the Tower, and five weeks in Newgate, charged with counterfeiting His Majesty's hand, by the malice of an infamous person who, when registrar accountant at Worcester House, sold false debentures. Wished to lay his case before His Majesty at his first coming from Oxford, but was deceived and the way to bounty stopped.

March ? 81. Petition of Sarah White, relict of Rich. White, late master of the Amity, to the Navy Comrs., for payment of 244*l.* 6*s.*, remaining due for hire and freight of the ketch according to contract, being daily vexed with the demands and threats of the seamen and creditors; also for an order commanding the receipt into the stores of a small cable and coil of rope, borrowed by her late husband from the Unicorn in time of necessity. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

81. I. *Summary of the services performed by Rich. White in attendance upon the Amity, from Nov.* 3, 1664, *to Sept.* 17, 1665. *Endorsed with memoranda of cable and yarn borrowed, May* 1 *and July* 20, 1665.

81. II. *Account of money due to Sarah, executrix of the late Rich. White, and the rest of the owners of the Amity, for hire and freight of the said ketch for* 10 *months and* 14 *days, ending Sept.* 16, 1665, *at* 38*l. per month; total,* 397*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.; one month's pay to be abated for time spent in harbour, and for cable and rope lent out of the stores.*

81. III. *Certificate by the Earl of Peterborough of the punctual performance of orders by Rich. White, master of the Amity, whilst he was attending the Unicorn.*
*Whitehall, April* 4.

81. IV. *Warrant from John Taylor to the Commander of the Amity, to sail into the Thames, deliver her up to the owners, and apply to the Navy Comrs. for further orders.*
*Harwich, Aug.* 31, 1665.

81. V. *Warrant from the Navy Comrs. to Philip Waite [Rich. White ?], master of the Amity, to sail to Calais, and attend the coming of Lord Hannibal Sested, who is to have the best accommodation the vessel can afford, and be brought with his retinue to Dover.*
*Greenwich, Sept.* 6, 1665.

81. VI. *Ordnance Officers to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Rich. White has delivered his remaining gunner's stores, and given account of his expenditure.*
*Ordnance Office, Nov.* 7, 1665.

81. VII. *Certificate by John Tooker, of the discharge of the Amity from service on* 16*th Sept.* 1665. *Nov.* 10, 1665.

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81. VIII. *Certificate by Sir Henry Teldeman of the punctual attendance of Rich. White, master of the Amity, upon the Unicorn, from April 3 to July 31, 1665; the only neglect was occasioned by the decease of the master and sickness of the mate.* *Feb.* 10, 1665.

81. IX. *Thos. Hayter to Thos. Lewis. Asks if the Amity ketch stands charged with anything in the Victualling Office, Feb.* 28, 1666. *With answer to the above from Thos. Lewis, March* 1, *that nothing is found charged upon the said vessel.*

1666? March. Whitehall. 82. Petition of Edward Earl and Marquis of Worcester to the King, for reference to the Lord Chancellor and numerous others of his services, loans, sufferings, &c., for an order for them to report speedily thereon, and for support from the privy purse meanwhile; has lost his whole estate in the interest of the Crown, and dares not even walk the streets for fear of his creditors; has paid 35,000*l.*, money borrowed for the late King, since the Restoration; thinks he should be repaid, to encourage subjects so to expose themselves in future. With reference thereon to the Lord Chancellor and others.

1666. March. 83. Warrant for a grant to Sir Rob. Paston of the subsidies on wood and wooden wares, &c.; the same as on Feb. 1st, but specifying the rent as 2,000*l.* and inserting a proviso of revocation if found inconvenient. [2 *pages.*]

March. Warrant to pay to Baptist May, keeper of the privy purse, 10,000*l.* without account. [*Docquet.*]

March. Warrant to repay to Sir John Shaw 725*l.*, for 415*l.* by him paid to Don Patricio Moledi, resident from the King of Spain, and 310*l.* to Don Bernardo Salinas. [*Docquet.*]

March. Memoranda, [by Williamson, from the Signet books] of warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are follow:—

Grant to Sir John Bennet of 400*l.* a year out of the alum rent.

Assignment of Lord Mandeville's pension of 1,000*l.* a year as gentleman of the bedchamber, on the customs; with note of the same to the Earl of Ossory, May 1666.

Discharge of several sums to Sir G. Carteret.

Appointment of Col. W. Legg as master of the armory.

Allowance of 60*l.* a year to the serjeant trumpeter for inspecting such boys as he shall desire, to commence after the death of the trumpeters in being, who have each 60*l.* yearly out of the Treasury chamber.

Note that Sir Walter Vane had 300*l.* allowed when sent to the Elector of Brandenburg at Cleves.

[*Domestic Corresp., Jan.* 1666, *Vol.* 146, *No.* 81.]

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March ? 84. The King to the Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant, and to the Deputy Lieutenants of Cheshire. The Council, considering the ruinous condition of Chester Castle, have ordered mises to be levied for His Majesty as Earl of Chester, for its repair; meanwhile, as it should be immediately made defensible, some of the money deposited in the castle on account of the militia is to be paid to Sir Geoffry Shakerley, governor, and Sir Peter Pindar, for the repairs, and to be reimbursed from the militia money. [*Draft.*]

March ? 85. [Lord Arlington] to Sir John Robinson. The King orders accommodation to be provided in the Tower for such men as are to be pressed for the speedy manning of the navy, the same to be kept in safe custody till conducted on board the fleet. [*Draft.*]

March ? 86. [Lord Arlington] to W— — [messenger ?]. Several seamen and watermen having absconded from the service and concealed themselves, he is to make diligent search with a constable in any suspicious houses, and deliver all whom they find to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower,—by him to be placed on board the ships in which they ought to serve. [*Draft.*]

[March.] 87. Duke of Albemarle, Lords Arlington and Berkeley, Sir John Robinson, Sir Thos. Chicheley, Sir John Duncombe, and Hugh May, to the King. Report on an order of 5th March relative to the better disposal of arms, ammunition, and gunpowder in or near the Tower, that the place now used for receiving and proving powder is very unfit, from its nearness to the White Tower, which is the grand powder magazine, but that they have found a fitting place by the wall near the wharf, and that a passage through the wall into Coldharbour would be a safe way of carrying powder, arms, &c., in and out, the expense of which in carriage, now 1,000*l.* a year, will be much reduced. Think that if all the stores were lodged thereabouts, the fleet, which it now takes 20 days to supply, could be supplied in four or five. Will prepare an estimate of expense. Some lodgings near the White Tower should be pulled down, for greater security of the powder magazine; ask his pleasure concerning the loss that will be thereby sustained by the Lieutenant of the Tower and others. Think the upper rooms in the White Tower would securely lodge 10,000*l* barrels of powder. [*Copy, 3 pages.*]

March ? 88. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Asks for allowance for certain services which he is not obliged to bear by any contract, viz.:—transport of victuals beyond appointed parts; demurrage; extra charges for victualling at London; loan of casks in the Straits; money on bills for victuals at Leghorn bought on the King's account; also for non-observance of Lent. Prays a speedy determination that his accounts may be made up to the end of December. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March ? 89. John Gibbs to the Navy Comrs. Requests that the Love hoy, being employed for Stockwith, may be insured from the enemy

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as in former years; that the first voyage may be to Woolwich or Deptford, as she wants repairing; and that he may have more freight and money to pay for victuals and wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March? 90. Edward Sherburne and three other [Ordnance Officers] to Sam. Pepys. Capt. Wharton, who acts on behalf of Colonel Legg, has written to Sir George Carteret that upon his payment of 4,000*l.*, or giving a bill on the goldsmiths of Lombard Street, payable on demand, the like sum will be paid to Sir John Mennes at Portsmouth, where it is much wanted for His Majesty's service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March. 91. Account, by John Shales and Wm. Thorowgood, of returned cask, iron hoops, and bags received at Portsmouth during the month. [*Adm. Paper.*]

March? 92. Certificate by Capt. Kempthorne, that the Martin can stow but two months' provisions of bread and beer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 1. 1. James Hickes to Williamson. Was told by his book woman that Dr. Chamberlain, a man midwife and a notorious fanatic, had a letter from his father from Dublin, to say that for several miles near Dublin, there was nothing but killing and slaying; will try to get the letter. Has written to Capt. Gahan, governor of the Dublin post office, to bid those there look after the Chamberlain who dares to write such treacherous relations. Sir Phil. Frowde says he will acquaint Lord Arlington with it. Mr. Adrian, with whom Dr. Chamberlain lodges, comes some times to church, but is one of the heads of the Dutch church and a rich man.

April 1. Portsmouth. 2. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Swedish iron now in store is considered as good for most uses as Spanish iron. The mutinous sawyers acknowledge their fault, and are willing to return to work. Hopes to get hemp at 37*s.* per cwt. The guns in the Orange Tree prize are large, but of a small bore; she is an old ship, but firm under water. Wants three affidavits, lately sent to Sir Chris. Myngs, concerning the rope embezzled from the Oxford. It is impossible to imagine the thefts still carried on in the yard. Complains of the sawyers lately sent down; 13 of them were married men, and the other five most pitiful fellows; has turned them all off together; it is better to pay them wages to stop ashore, than send them to sea to infect others, eat the King's provisions, and do no service at all, except filling up the muster book. Promises an inventory of materials belonging to the Mars. Were she his own ship, would send three or four carpenters in her to New England with a supply of iron work, and gird her there at little cost; but being the King's, "it is a pity to put the carpenters to

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so much trouble." The idleness of that tribe costs at least 20,000*l.* a year, and yet might be remedied "with as much ease as going up a pair of stairs." Never knew ships kept so long in port by contrary winds. The Milford is the only one yet set sail. Asks whether mizen and top masts are to be sent for the new ship at Bristol. [*Adm. Paper, 4 pages.*] *Encloses,*

2. I. *Note of the guns on board the Orange Tree, and what she will require to be complete.*

2. II. *Note of Hen. Hunt and four other sawyers recommended for pardon.*

2. III. *Certificate by John Tippetts and Edw. Byland, that the Mars, when repaired, will be suitable to carry masts from New England.* *March* 31, 1666.

April 1. Portsmouth. 3. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Begs payment of his quarter's bill. Has lost, since May Day, by the Dutch and by one ship burnt at sea, 5,000*l.* worth of sugar. There is no remedy but patience. Is in great want of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 1. The Unicorn. 4. Capt. Hen. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Entreats that Mr. Wood, who refuses to pay the wages of Thos. Dingle, mariner, to his wife, may be called upon to give his ressons for keeping poor people out of their money; has given Dingle leave to come up to London for four days to pass his accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2. Weymouth. 5. Geo. Pley, [sen.,] to Sam. Pepys. The French cloth shall be sent to Portsmouth as soon as convoy is appointed. Has often written to Mr. Fenn to send down credits on the receipts of Customs at Lyme and Weymouth, but can get no answer. If orders be not speedily sent, the collector will remit the money to the farmers; must have money to pay for English sailcloth and cordage, or the manufacture will fall to the ground. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2. 6. Receipt signed by John Lewes and Thos. Clements, for six brass shivers, weighing 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs., delivered into the stores at Woolwich by Wm. Burroughs, lately embezzled from the Slothany. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2. London. 7. Capt. Roger Strickland, of the Santa Maria, to Thos. Hayter. Requests an order to the clerk of the cheque at Woolwich to enter men for his ship, expressing in it "notwithstanding the ship is in the dock." [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2. Yarmouth. 8. Wm. Skinner, master of the Black Dog, to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived with the Sweepstakes' rigging, and her boatswain and carpenter's stores, under convoy of the Paradox. Will be ready to sail for Stockwith in four days; entreats convoy thither, as the French sloops lie thick about the coast; saw one take an English pink on the 30th. Delivered the Rupert's sails at Harwich, March 29th. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 2. London. 9. Peter Gale to the Navy Comrs. Requests an order for securing pieces of timber and masts belonging to the King, to the value of 300*l.*, lying in various yards in and about London; with note that Gale lives at Wapping, and has already seized a cable and anchor by the Duke of Albemarle's order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2. Custom House, London. 10. Sir John Wolstenholme to William [Sam.] Pepys. Has received a certificate that 20 chaldrons of coals on board the St. Lucar Merchant, and 40 chaldrons in the James and Samuel, are solely for the use of the city and garrison of Tangiers. Can freely pass all ammunition and provisions for the garrison. but has no orders about the city. Expects the owners of the vessels to pay the customs, or else procure a warrant from the Lord Treasurer. Begs that all certificates relating to the city of Tangiers may be kept apart from those concerning the garrison. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2. Yarmouth. 11. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Will send cordage to Harwich as directed. The master of the Milkmaid is in possession of the ship, and wants men; they can be supplied, but it will be impossible to keep them from being pressed by others without a protection. There is no good canvas to be had in the town. The surveyor has been for eight months engaged upon the Sweepstakes, and desires to be paid. Ammunition, rigging, and other stores have arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2. Pass for Lady Temple and her sister with their servants into Flanders. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 64.]

April 2. Pass for the Duke de Veraguas with his servants, tents, and baggage from Ostend to Cadiz. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 64.]

April 2. Upbrooke, near Exeter. 12. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord [Arlington]. Is sorry his lordship forbids his waiting on Lord Ossory. The judge, sessions, and justices yield ready obedience to the King's letter about reception of prisoners in the Bridewell, St. Thomas's parish, near Exeter; has sent orders for their removal from Plymouth; when they are settled, will join his lordship; it would take five days to come to London by coach. If the affairs of Denmark require his coming earlier, will travel by post. Lord Bath is leaving Exeter for Whitehall. Hopes a safe passage for Mdlle. Beverwaert. [2 *pages.*]

April 3. Queen's College. 13. Rob. Beebay to Lord Arlington. Thanks for his kindness; hopes to have some friend or merchant to travel with to Italy; will be ready when sent for.

April 3. Warrant to Baptist May, keeper of the privy purse, to pay 10*l* a year to John Crockford, harbourer of the deer, as granted him by the late King, with arrears since the Restoration. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 65.]

April 3. Warrant to the Attorney General to examine the title deeds, &c., of Audley End house and park, co. Essex, which the King has contracted to purchase for 50,000*l.* from James Earl of Suffolk. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 83.]

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April 3. Deptford. 14. J. Uthwat to Thos. Hayter. Fire grapnels and chains are delivered out by number, and not by weight, to the respective ships, but they are of the usual weight and value. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3. Portsmouth. 15. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Delft is in port for repairs. Sir Wm. Bartley [Berkeley's] fleet set sail yesterday. Cannot proceed with the stove without bricks, and money to pay for them. Intercedes for the sawyers that some of the least faulty may be taken on again; this has been such a terror to them and others, that the like complaint will never be heard again. Can get no abatement of price upon timber. Desires a press-warrant for Capt. Teate, for Bristol. The master intended for the Orange Tree, though an able seaman, is not acquainted with any part of the channel to the east of Plymouth; another must be ordered down from London. Asks whether the master of the Delft is to be continued, according to the captain's recommendation. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

April 3. Portsmouth. 16. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has several orders from the Board for supplying masts and ground tackle for the new ships at Bristol and the Forest of Dean, but only one letter from Sir Wm. Batten about rigging, blocks, anchors, &c.; this one is not sufficient to act upon. Requests more particular directions, signed by at least three of the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3. Portsmouth. 17. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The stockfish landed out of the St. John the Baptist is likely to come to damage for want of convenient storeroom. There are 1,000 pipe staves likewise in store from the same ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3. The Fairfax, Plymouth. 18. Capt. Charles Talbot to Sam. Pepys. Desires a supply of printed tickets, in case he should have to turn over his men to the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3. 19. Account by Hugh Salisbury of provisions delivered out of the St. John the Baptist into the stores at Portsmouth by Peter Barr. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3. Plymouth. 20. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Waltham, muster master, promises to give no further occasion of complaint; begs a speedy supply of money for the tradesmen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3. 21. Chris. Coles to the Navy Comrs. Has four hoys delivering goods at Portsmouth, after which will be able to furnish treenails for Deptford as required. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 4. Bristol. 22. Nicholas Danzie and Abraham Robins to the Navy Comrs. The pressed men sent on board the Fox are ordered by the Mayor and Sir John Knight back on shore, and are sent to Portsmouth; seamen are very scarce; 400 or 500 may be expected when the Virginia and West India ships arrive; the masters of ships, sensible of a press, land their ablest men before coming to anchor; request therefore a particular order to the collectors of customs, to make no

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entry of goods without the personal appearance of the men; have taken up 25*l.* upon credit, and disbursed it for the service. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

22. I. *Names and addresses of* 91 *impressed seamen who have received their press and conduct money, and tickets of the time when they are to appear at Portsmouth.* [2½ *pages.*]

April 4. The St. George. 23. John Pitt, purser, to Sir Wm. Coventry. Account of the state of the ship's victualling; will receive, as necessary money for the ship, 51*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, whereas 131*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* is already disbursed; the money was rated so low owing to the absence of seamen; there will be a considerable leakage of beer from long stowage, and this should be allowed for; has a plan whereby to save and gain in His Majesty's service; viz., to buy at a reasonable rate spare provisions of men and officers when on full allowance, and dispose of them for ready money at the expiration of the victualling; this course was adopted by Sir John Lawson in the Straits. [*Adm. Paper,* 2 *pages.*]

April 4. The Leopard. 24. Capt. Rich. Beach to [Sam. Pepys]. George Hawkes has only 13 days' wages due to him, for which a ticket is ready when demanded; he was discharged into the Mars at Portsmouth; knows him to be a malicious clamorous fellow. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 4. The Diamond, in the Hope. 25. Robt. Waith to Sam. Pepys. Remembers sending in distinct accounts of all moneys collected for ordinary and extra chest up to Dec. 31st, 1663; business will not allow of his absence to prepare them anew should they be mislaid; has 7,000 hammocks ready, made of Suffolk sacking received during the heat of the plague; asks leave to deliver 1,000 monthly at Deptford; can acquit himself of the least occasion of offence given to Sir Thos. Allin, in the management of the pay of the Royal James. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 4. Hartly Row. 26. Robt. Raye to Thos. Chiffinch. Private affairs; wishes him to procure for his wife's grandchild, Mat. Priest, a scholarship in Winchester College, by a King's letter to the Bishop of Winchester and the Wardens of New College, Oxford.

April 4. Grant to John Robinson, jun., on determination of a grant to John Robinson, sen., of the office of Searcher at Ipswich. [*Docquet.*]

April 4. Whitehall. Warrant to the Attorney General to stay further proceedings against Christopher Tillingham, registrar of the Archdeaconry of Essex, for receiving fees exceeding 5*s.* for the probates of three wills named, as it appears that the fees exacted are no more than allowed by the late statutes for probate and sealing of wills, which make the fees dependent on the length and the engrossing of wills; granted because the undue prosecutions of the officers of the King's courts is injurious and vexatious. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 65–7.]

April 5. Warrant to the [Keeper of the] Gatehouse to set William Mumford at liberty. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 67.]

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April 5. Licence to Thomas Neale, high sheriff of Hampshire, to come to London, during the time of his shrievalty. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 79.]

April 5. Whitehall. Warrant to Anthony Lord Ashley to pay to Sir George Carteret 250,000*l.* out of the first moneys received for prizes, to be employed for payment of seamen's wages and for relief of sick and wounded men. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 79.]

April 5. 27. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Several persons were willing to accept the proposals of a fine for a term of seven years [in the post office], but since they were told that the term was only to be for five years, they are longing to be gone, thinking they will be damaged by changes as their lordships' minds change. Will try to bring them to compliance, though in the dark as to Lord [Arlington's] positive proceedings.

April 5. 28. Petition of Matthew Bonner, M.A., of St. Mary Magdalen's College, Cambridge, to the King, for the rectory of Simonsburn and chapel of Bellingham, co. Northumberland, void by death of Wm. Kimber. With note in his favour by Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury.

April 5. Barber Surgeons' Hall. 29. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Capt. Juxon desires a surgeon for the Land of Promise. Begs that the necessary bills may be sent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 5. Cowes. 30. Capt. Thos. Peach to Comr. Thos. Middleton. Wishes Sir Wm. Coventry to be informed that the three casks of twine taken out of the Hamburgher prize would have been embezzled and sold, but for his interference; is not detaining it out of contempt of orders, but wishes to be reimbursed his expenses about it. Is not yet paid for the masts delivered at Portsmouth 12 months since; might have sold them for ready money at double the price. [*Adm Paper.*] *Encloses,*

30. I. *Account of Thos. Peach's disbursements on the St. John Baptist, for which he has three casks of twine as security; total,* 48*l.* 19*s.*

April 5. Portsmouth. 31. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Five sawyers have this morning set to work. Will speak with the Ordnance Officers about guns for the Orange. Has given the mast maker directions for a new suit of masts. Particulars of ships in dock. Begs consideration for the bricklayer of the yard, who is coming to London for his money. The plague has broken out in several houses at the point, and people die apace at Gosport. Many people have strange dwellings, but are not sick, and go abroad. [*Adm. Paper,* 2 *pages.*]

April 5. Hoorn. 32. John Tottey to [the Navy Comrs.]. The friends of some of the Hoorn prisoners now in England have applied for an exchange for him. Many vessels have been taken since his own capture. It

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is reported that 40 sail of French and Dutch men-of-war have gone down to the Texel, and the drums beat daily for men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 5. Dover. 33. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges the receipt of an imprest bill. The merchant asks 26*l.* per bale, ready money, for his canvas, which is an intolerable price. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 6. Golden Hand, 34. Hab. Wiles, master, to the Navy Comrs. Is at anchor in the Sand Bay, Tynemouth. Hopes to sail southwards to-morrow, though the ship is still leaky. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 6. Gravesend. 35. Rich. Elkin, muster master, to Sam. Pepys. Account of 17 ships sailed away from Gravesend, with the number of men on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 6. Gravesend. 36. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. At the payment of every ship, finds several tickets for service done in other ships, for which no books are at hand; is forced to send them up to London to be examined. Begs their immediate dispatch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 6. Gloucester. 37. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Received the 300*l.* ordered at Bristol; is now at Gloucester about the land carriage of timber; the arguing before the judge of assize came to no conclusion, owing to the absence of Sir Baynham Throckmorton, through the death of his lady; Mr. Dunning of Purton Passage proved that oxen and wains may be both forded and ferried across the Severn; if a speedy course be not taken, must discharge his men once more; has not had above two or three loads of timber brought in during the last three weeks; is wearied out with turmoil, charge, and expectation. Particulars of conversation with Mr. Smith of Nibley; he confessed the truth of Furzer's affidavits. Has informed Sir John Wintour that unless some way could be found for bringing in timber, the keel of the ship would be rotten before she was built. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

April 6. The Cygnet, Margate Road. 38. Capt. Wm. Houlding to the Navy Comrs. Captured the Falcon, a Dutch flyboat, off the North Foreland; the Deal agents of the Commissioners for Prizes have sent her up to London to be examined and proceeded against. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 6. Kinsale. 39. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Begs consideration for extra charges on behalf of the sick and wounded, who are threatened to be turned out of doors, or else orders to cease from taking care of them altogether. With note that he must apply to the Commissioners of sick and wounded. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 6. Plymouth. 40. John Richards, Phi. Lanyon and Sam. Langford, Prize Comrs., to the Navy. Comrs. According to the order of the principal Commissioners for Prizes, give notice of four prizes in port; the ships pretend themselves free, and their masters are in London soliciting their discharge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 6. Whitehall. Proclamation for further prorouging Parliament from 23 April to 18 Sept., lest the contagion, now almost totally abated, should increase, by the extraordinary resort of people. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 216.]

April 6. The King to the Duke of York. Has granted the ship Golden Lion, taken from the Dutch on the coasts of Africa, to the Royal African Company, and order is to be given for its delivery in its present state to the company. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 180.]

[April 6.] 41. Draft of the above.

April 6. London. 42. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Sends letters; Muddiman sent fifty letters last night; he writes still to Lord Allington; several have deserted him, and his correspondence would burst if Lord [Arlington] once looked into the business. There are only two letters for him at Mr. Cook's this post.

April ? 43. Articles and instructions set down by the King in Council, to be kept by those merchants, commanders of ships, &c., to whom the Lord Admiral the Duke of York shall grant letters of reprisal against the Dutch and French. [*Corrected draft, 5 pages.*]

April 6. Worcester House. 44. Order in Council for preparing the draught of a commission to the Duke of York, to issue letters of reprisal against the French King and his subjects.

April 6. Warrant to the Keeper of the Gatehouse to take into custody Dixy Paige, stationer, and Thomas Johnson, printer, for printing and publishing an obscene and scandalous book. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 67.]

April 6. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to suffer Mrs. Desborough to have access to her husband in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 68.]

April 6. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Berkshire 340*l.*, for the hire of Berkshire House for the entertainment of the Duc de Verneuil, French ambassador extraordinary. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 68.]

April 7. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to discharge the Phœnix of Riga, and her lading, most part of which belongs to subjects of the King of Sweden, notwithstanding its condemnation on account of the subjects of the United Provinces concerned therein. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 68.]

April 7. Order for a warrant to swear in Percival Stanney to the office of Post and Carrier of Letters to the King and Royal Household. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 68.]

April 7. Presentation of Matthew Bonner, M.A., to the Rectory of Simonsburn, Northumberland. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 69.]

April 7. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to order the Prize Comrs. for Plymouth to deliver to Ferdinando Mendoza de Costa,

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a Portuguese merchant residing in London, forty-two chests of cassounades out of the ship St. Peter of Bourdeaux, condemned as a lawful prize. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 69.]

April 7. Whitehall. 45. Warrant from Lord Arlington to Lewis Dormay to act under the directions of Roger L'Estrange, surveyor of the press, in apprehending all authors, printers, publishers, binders, &c., of treasonable, seditions, or unlicensed books and pamphlets.

April 7. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 69.]

April 7. 46. Information of John Goodman, of Exeter, servant to Sir Coplestone Bampfield. John Cowborne of Wellington, late major of foot to Col. Buffett, came on April 7, and said he could tell him some news, but would kill him if betrayed; promised to make his sword do as good service as ever, if he could see a good day; Cowborne said that money, arms, and men were ready, and that the first rising would be in London, as soon as the general was gone to sea; that the word will be "tumble down, Dick"; that some wish to declare for a Commonwealth, some for Richard [Cromwell]; that they will secure the gentry, which will be easy, as nobody will fight for them but their own servants; that the Presbyterians, having been rogues already, are not to be trusted; that Col. Buffett is somewhere within 5 miles. Asked Cowborne, on April 7, whether the great armies abroad would not come over and help them if they rose; he said they would. Offered him refuge in his own house at Exeter, he being fearful of his safety; he promised to come in a fortnight. [3 *pages.*]

April 7. Farnham. 47. John Langrack to [Sam. Pepys]. Desires another warrant to the Justices in Hampshire, for land carriage of 730 loads of timber from Alice Holt Forest to the waterside, Chertsey, Surrey; sends a list of nine [justices'] names to be inserted therein. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 7. Cockpit. 48. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Henry Brewster as master of a ship, on testimony of the Trinity House. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 7. Ipswich. 49. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. The are no ships now under victualling and but little provision in port; baking is continued; the quantity of beer now ready will grow hard if not shipped off before the hot weather; 20,000 Hamburg staves are received for the making of cask; no fish can be got; the oatmeal and peas delivered instead are indifferently well resented by the seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

49. I. *Account of provisions granted on letters of credit to several ships in the port of Ipswich, by Andrew Crawley, during the month of March.*

49. II. *Account of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, delivered into the stores at Ipswich by And. Crawley, since March 5.*

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April 7. Harwich. 50. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships in dock; the captain of the French shallop, brought in by the Paradox, confesses to be of Dunkirk, and is supposed to have escaped from Ipswich, if such desperate fellows, who threw all their arms and ammunition overboard rather than the English should have them, be let loose, it will be of bad consequence; explains the abuses and discouragements daily met with in prosecuting offenders for embezzlement; proposes that notorious offenders when taken should be made to answer before the Council or Committee; this course would go further than a short corporal punishment; asks how to dispose of the remains of the Hare fire-ship, and leave to deliver the old iron to the smith; sent a galliot to Southwold Bay, to find the anchor and cable left there by the Vanguard. [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pp.*]

April 7. 51. Certificate by Capt. Peter Motham of the Princess, that David Boudwin, surgeon, has not had his stores recruited since Nov. 18, 1664, and they are exhausted by the sick and hurt men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 7. 52. Account by Andrew Boult and John Milton, of cask delivered at Tower Wharf, during the month of March, from 31 ships named, viz., 747 tons, 1 barrel, and 2,514 iron hoops. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 8. Portsmouth. 53. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Thinks 100 men too few for the Orange; has not seen the hemp merchant yet; the things ordered for Bristol shall be shipped forthwith; there is no cause now for the victualler to complain that he cannot get fish for money; proposes it as an acceptable provision for vessels bound for Tangiers; they being not far from the oil country. Capt. Teate wants his press warrant; complains of the ignorance or wilfulness of the master of the Henrietta, who being doubtful whether the ship would be able to perform her journey, set her fairly "on horseback" where she continued riding a very easy pace for above five hours, and finally ran aground, and he took no proper steps to get her off till Capt. Tinker was sent to him; will send convoy to Weymouth as soon as any small vessels arrive. The ropehouse has been broken into and some yarn stolen; some of it has been discovered in the house of a ropemaker, formerly concerned about the cordage embezzlement from the Oxford; if that man be not hanged now, never hopes to see another hanged as long as he lives, be he never so bad. The sawyers petition to be employed as labourers; "sweet is any employment in the King's dockyard at Portsmouth." The plague still spreads there. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

April 8. Edwinstow. 54. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. The Adam and Eve, after taking in her lading of timber, is overset about ten miles below Stockwith; is going down to see what can be saved. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

54. I. *John Gaul to William Milns, Stockwith. The Adam and Eve is overset in Flixboro' Stather Road, and the master dead, but all got to land; desires immediate assistance.*

54. II. *Bill of lading of the Adam and Eve hoy.*

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April 8. Alban Hall. 55. Dr. T. Lamplugh to [Williamson]. Begs conveyance of a letter concerning Dr. Langbaine's charity, which has been too long abused. Thinks it well to cut Muddiman short of intelligence, for in a News-letter of his to the Bishop of Durham, he writes, "The Queen-Mother of Portugal's death is yet kept from our Queen, and the Gazeteer had a cheque for his forwardness in publishing it."

April 9. 56. "Orders and articles of war, composed and corrected by the advice of the Duke of Albemarle, captain general of His Majesty's armies," containing full directions to officers and soldiers on their respective duties. [27 *pages.*]

April 9. Whitehall. 57. Proclamation recalling William, son of Thos. Scott, lately executed for high treason, Sir Rob. Honeywood, jun., Thos. Kelsey, John White, Wm. Burton, Thos. Cole of Southampton, Col. John Desborough, —— Spurway, [Edw.] Radden, Dr. [Edw.] Richardson, [John] Grove, and John Phelps,—who have not only remained beyond seas contrary to former proclamations, but have treasonably served in the wars against their native country,—to undergo their legal trial, under pain of being attainted and forfeited for high treason.

[April 9.] 58. Draft of the above, in which the names of Col. Kirkpatrick, Dr. James Harrington, Algernon Sidney, Oliver St. John, Rich. Steele, and —— Newcomen have been inserted, and afterwards erased. [1½ *pages; probably not published till April* 21; *see that date.*]

[April 9.] 59. List of 12 names to be inserted in the proclamation requiring subjects beyond seas to return into England; the same as those in the proclamation. Sir James Harrington and Algernon Sidney have been struck out from this list.

April 9. Hague. 60. St. Evremond to [Lord Arlington?] Congratulates his approaching marriage with a lady whose departure all Holland will regret more than anything, except the loss of a battle. Hopes for peace, and will come over to pay his respects. Sends compliments to the Duke of Buckingham, if he will receive them from the Hague. [3 *pages.*]

April 9. 61. Ja. Hickes to [Williamson]. Quotes five addresses of Muddiman's letters, in which he speaks of Sir Wm. Morice as the King's *first* principal Secretary of State. This will make Lord [Arlington] thought to be under secretary, or in reversion. Wishes his lordship may not be thus reflected on longer.

April 9. Warrant to the Ordnance Comrs. to order the delivery from the Tower of four three-pounders of brass, for the use of a small yacht lately built by Charles Duke of Richmond. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 70.]

[April 9.] 62. Draft of the above.

April 9. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Privy Seal, Earl of Lauderdale, and Lord Ashley, on the petition of Rich. Wynne, for an order that no

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composition may pass the great seal, as endeavoured by —— Blake, until the matter be further heard. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 201.]

April 9. Warrant to pay to George Cock 40,000*l.* from the royal aid for the sick and wounded, to be issued according to the direction of the Commissioners. [*Docquet.*]

April 9. Grant to Peter Brent of the office of Serjeant-plumber; fee 12*d.* a day, and 40*s.* for a yearly livery. [*Docquet.*]

April 9. Long Reach. 63. Capt. Fras. Steward, of the Golden Phœnix, to the Navy Comrs. Desires a warrant for John Tatnell, carpenter of the ship, to press his crew. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 9. Tower Hill. 64. Denis Ganden to the Navy Comrs. Has ordered a survey of the pipe staves and stock fish at Portsmouth, in order to report their price. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 9. 65. Report by Thos. Lewis of the number of men victualled on board the Wivenhoe ketch, and of supernumeraries from May 23, to 1665, February 19, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 9. Yarmouth. 66. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Wants a bill of imprest for 1,500*l.*, also a protection for the crew of the Milkmaid's men, and rigging and stores for the Sweepstakes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 9. Dover. 67. Thos. Perring, surveyor, to the Navy Comrs. Report of what is not performed according to contract, upon Wm. Castell's new ship at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 9. Dover. 68. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Wivell is in London to pass his accounts; begs that Squire Gauden may be informed of his obstinate carriage, and that he may be examined with reference to the complaint formerly made; is willing to come and vindicate every charge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 9. 69. Certificate by Thos. Middleton and Jo. Tinker that Samuel Weller, master of the Delft, is fit to take charge as master of any fourth-rate ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 10. The Hope, Sheerness. 70. Capt. Jacob Reynolds to the Navy Comrs. Asks to be supplied with one month's provisions at Dover, having only six months' victuals instead of seven. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 10. 71. Account by Wm. Blackburn of goods belonging to the King, seized and delivered into the stores at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 10. Surgeons' Hall. 72. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Requests a bill for the appointment of a surgeon to the Great Gift. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 10. Deptford. 73. Jonas Shish to Mr. Leadman. Particulars of carved work to be performed on Wm. Castell's new ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 10. Portsmouth. 74. Comr. Thos. Middleton to [Sam. Pepys]. The gunner of the Warwick complains of her full metal and heavy guns; is no great judge, but cannot see why the ship should be burdened with

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so much unnecessary weight, when a reasonable proportion would be more serviceable and easily managed. The affidavits were not left with Sir Philip Honeywood; sent them himself in a letter to Sir Chris. Myngs. Has sent four men to Winchester gaol, about the embezzlement of yarn from the ropehouse. Hopes to break the knot of the knaves or else their necks; if this pass, shall never have encouragement to prosecute a thief again; he in whose house the goods were found "is as confident as if he knew how to make his peace at last with the hangman;" is amused at their insolence, never knowing the like before; it has renewed an old distemper called "passion," which was almost lost in retirement. Gives account of two brass guns stolen and removed from the wharf. Has pity for all in distress, but cannot be too severe to such incorrigible villains. The plague does not spread; a milder form of disorder has taken its place. A physician newly arrived in the town gives it as his judgment that "the air of Portsmouth is naturally so pernicious to man, that the man whose body is able to be supported in this air is plague free, and that no contagious distemper is apt to seize on him;" if it were possible to believe things happened only by natural causes, and not by Divine Providence, would agree with the Doctor's judgment. [*Adm. Paper*, 3½ *pages.*] *Encloses.*

74. I. *Petition of Wm. Woodman to the Navy Comrs., for forgiveness of past offences and re-admittance into his former employment. Has been in the dockyard 25 years, and was over persuaded by others into this foolish action, for which he is heartily sorry.*

April 10. London. 75. Willm. Kirkby to John Swaddel. Apologizes for leaving town without waiting on him.

April 10. London. 76. Petition of Henry Robinson to the King, to consider his proposition for erection of a bank, and grant him a patent therefor, either to take it for his own royal use, or have it erected according to the petitioner's proposal, stating what share of the profits or nomination of officers will be allotted to him. With order thereon for a grant to the petitioner of the sole exercise of his invention for raising a bank for money, for 14 years, unless His Majesty find it worthy of his acceptance, and take it into his own hands, in which case the petitioner is to have a fifth of the profits, and the nomination of some of the officers.

April 10. Order granting the petition of Thos. Morris, in behalf of himself and other merchants of London, for leave to ship on Ostend ships great quantities of manufactures bought by them, according to the general licence ordered in Council for transportation of woollen manufactures. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 201.]

April 10. Whitehall. 77. Petition of Chas. Lord De Lawarr and John Lord Berkeley to the King. The late King granted to trustees for Sir Allan Apsley, victualler of the navy, on consideration of 20,000*l.* due to 250 poor

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navy creditors, manors and lands in England and Wales, of value much exceeding the said debt, which are sold, and appropriated by them, contrary to their trusts, whereby they have raised themselves great estates, but not paid the debts, nor given in accounts, in spite of orders in Council; one of these manors being now to be sold, the petitioners suggest that the lands be not so alienated from the Crown, but a power given them to recover the same for His Majesty, and call the said trustees to a just account. With reference thereon, April 23, to the Attorney General, and his report, that the petitioners may have leave to prosecute, but that the case requires further examination. *Annexing,*

77. I. *Schedule of the honors, manors, &c., in England and Wales mentioned in the grant of 714l. 5s. 8d. a year, intended for payment of 20,000l. owing to 250 poor creditors.*

April 10. 78. Petition of Capt. Arthur Campbell to the King, for money to buy another horse, in lieu of his own which is dead, as he must else lose his place in His Majesty's Guards. Pleads his services during the usurpation.

April 10. 79. Petition of Christopher Bray to the King, for an order for payment of the arrears of his pay as a horse guard, detained during his imprisonment for killing —— Grimes in a quarrel, for which he has His Majesty's pardon; has meanwhile lost his horse.

April 11. 80. Petition of John and Antonio Benzoni, merchants of Venice, to the King, for stay of an order to sell in Ireland, where they will fetch little money, the currants in their ship, condemned on false grounds as prize; the case was referred to Dr. Jenkins, judge of the Admiralty, and he reported thereon; also for permission to prove their property in their said ship.

April 11. Worcester House. 81. Petition of Anne Desborough to the King and Council. Her husband, obeying His Majesty's commands, went beyond sea and wrote informations to Lord Arlington as ordered, but receiving no answer, came over for a reply. Finding his own affairs in great confusion, he was detained by them, and the day before he resolved to attend his lordship, was carried to the Tower, where he has been kept 10 weeks, and not allowed to answer for himself. Begs a hearing for him, and if innocent, compensation and recognition as His Majesty's faithful servant. With reference thereon to the Duke of Albemarle and Lord Arlington.

[April 11.] 82. Petition of Anne Desborough to Lord Arlington, for favour to her husband, and his release without payment of fees. He could not wait on his lordship at Oxford, his affairs being unsettled; he would never have formerly waited on him, received his instructions, and come back again, had he intended harm; he was obedient, and would not divulge his employment, and so was taken prisoner, though all the Duke's charge is that he was going to Holland without a pass.

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April 11. 83. Petition of Willm. Harwood, in behalf of many hundred persons in Yorkshire, to the King, for examination by some of the country gentry of certain officers for inspection of chimney money, who, under colour of authority, extort exorbitant fines from the people, and impose double duties in case of concealment. Noted "Prays the grievances of certain persons in the West Riding of Yorkshire may be referred to the examination of Sir Fr. Cobb, Major Waters, and Capt. Jefferyes."

[April 11.] 84. Petition of Wm. Prynne, keeper of records in the Tower, to the King, for an order to the Lieutenant of the Tower to put him and his clerk into possession of the Tower chamber house, containing 11 rooms, beside those built in the garden, which were enjoyed by Mr. Ryley whilst he kept the records, but the Lieutenant of Ordnance has put in his clerk, Mr. Wharton; thus they have now no fire near at hand to warm and dry themselves, and are hindered in sorting, transcribing, and making tables of the records.

April 11. Warrant to the Commissioners of Musters not to allow more than eight soldiers to be absent at once from any of the King's three troops of Guards, nor more than six from other troops or companies; no officer or soldier to be absent without a pass; any who stay beyond the time limited to be restricted from pay. No officers' servants to be allowed, except according to rule; no soldiers admitted, except such as do constant duty. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 103.]

April 11. Warrant for the discharge of Henry Golston. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 70.]

April 11. Warrant for a grant to James Hamilton, groom of the bedchamber, of the estate of Mary, widow of Valentine Wanley, late of Lambeth, and of Mat. Snobline, both aliens. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 70.]

April. Similar grant, with slight differences, dated April 16. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 73.]

April 11. Stockwith, Nottinghamshire. 85. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Has been down to Flixborough Stather Road, to examine the Adam and Eve hoy, lately overset there; the master is drowned; particulars of damage sustained. Has taken care to secure her until the timber can be got out. Begs assistance for the crew, who are in great want. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

April 11. Chatham. 86. Phin. Pett and Thos. Tunbridge to the Navy Comrs. The north crane is wholly decayed and rotten; estimate the charge of a new one at 300*l.* Propose enlarging the double dock, which will cost 80*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 11. Yarmouth. 87. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Will supply the Milkmaid with stores; has no cable large enough for her, but one in the hands of the Commissioners for Prizes will serve. The stores brought by the Hope for the Sweepstakes are not yet landed; so

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good an account is taken of them that there is no fear of embezzlement. The Black Dog waits the first opportunity of convoy to go to Hull. Desires a bill of imprest for 1,500*l.* [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

April 11. The Downs. 88. Capt. Charles Wylde to the Navy Comrs. Had only 14 days' provision on board upon leaving the Nore, and has been out 9 days. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 11. The Fox, King road. 89. Capt. Henry Osgood to the Navy Comrs. Has received a month's provisions. Will sail as soon as possible. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 11. Dover. 90. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. A great fleet of merchant men sailed westward yesterday. Particulars of ships. The Irish merchant will only sell his tallow for ready money, and at 41*s.* per cwt. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

90. I. *Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Has sent the cable yarn by way of Ostend; begs acceptance of a bill of exchange for 216l. payable to Charles Barre; hopes the goods are well arrived; Thos. White of Dover must have directions to order the shipping of the same from Ostend.*
*Dieppe, April* $\frac{4}{14}$, 1666.

April 12. The Leopard, buoy of the Nore. 91. Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Comrs. Wishes to have his ship cleaned before the guns and provisions are put on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 12. Cockpit. 92. Sir Wm. Clarke to Sam. Pepys. If the muster rolls sent up by Mr. Waltham are correct, he is to be continued in his employment, otherwise George Plumpton is to be recommended. Wishes an order sent for Caleb Kame to be master of the Sorlings. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 12. Hoorn. 93. John Tottey to the Navy Comrs. The Lords there have given an order to clear one Carsten Crynes, a prisoner at Canterbury; he was to have been exchanged before for Mr. Ham, who was stopped at Amsterdam; begs that the exchange may now be accepted for himself, that he may be redeemed from captivity and at liberty to serve the King. Their ships are said to be slenderly manned. *Annexing,*

93. I. *Order by the Admiralty Council of Enchuysen for the release of John Tottey, in exchange for Carsten Crynes, prisoner in London.* [*Dutch.*]
*Enchuysen, April* $\frac{6}{16}$, 1666.

April 12. Dover. 94. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Is grieved to have given offence. Had orders from Greenwich, in October last, to take the boatswains and carpenters' receipts for stores supplied to hired ships; had the captain's letter and receipt for the John and Thomas, and the boatswain's receipt for the Society. The order for things supplied to the Loyal George was lost, through the improper mes-

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senger employed; craves pardon, promising future care. The Irish merchant will take the price current for his tallow. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

94. I. *Receipt, by Wm. Huggins, for goods received on board the Society from Thos. Hall, March* 2, 1666; *with John Hall's acknowledgment of* 16*s.* 6*d., received from Thos. White for carriage of the said goods into the Downs.* *March* 3, 1666.

94. II. *Hen. Dawes to Thos. White. Sends a copy of the receipt, dated Jan.* 30, 1666, *for goods delivered on board the John and Thomas.* *Downs, March* 24, 1666.

April 12. Portsmouth. 95. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. A hundred men will be sufficient for the Orange. Knew that the garrison of Tangiers was not in the care of the Navy Comrs., but as several sorts of provisions are sent there, thought those concerned in it might be glad of an opportunity to purchase; knows not whether the master of the Henrietta was drunk, mad, or ignorant; he deserved to have been "turned afore the mast" or put in irons, for his neglect when the ship ran aground; if the King has not justice done him in the business of the stolen yarn, he never will in any; believes that Tovey, in whose house it was found, had no immediate hand in the taking of it; two of the Gloucester's men lodged in his house that night; has persuaded Mr. Mayor to clap them both in gaol as parties. Another ropemaker, taken on suspicion, was found finer than ever he (the writer) durst make himself, with ribbons in his hat, and as many ribbons on his clothes as would have bought a good suit. The thieves came into the ropehouse by the window, and opened the inner doors with a false key. Will send the examinations of the men taken. Is glad the poor sawyers are considered, for though they deserve punishment, the poor women and babes deserve pity. Will send to Sir Philip Honeywood for the affidavits delivered to him. [*Adm. Paper,* 3½ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

95. I. *Depositions taken before Ben. Johnson, mayor of Portsmouth, concerning the yarn taken out of the ropehouse, as follow:—*

*John Leverett, of Portsmouth, ropemaker, foreman of the yard: Came to work as usual on the 7th inst; the ropehouse and stores were fast locked; missed two bundles of yarn left there the night before; found traces of their having been rolled away; followed the track to the workhouse of Henry Tovey, ropemaker, where the yarn was discovered and seized; had it afterwards conveyed to the stores. Also,*

*Wm. Leverett, master ropemaker: Knows the two winches of yarn seized in Henry Tovey's work-house, to be the King's goods; one of the windows of the ropehouse has been forced, and entry made thereby.*

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*Henry Tovey, of Portsmouth, ropemaker: Was summoned to his work-house on Saturday morning by the foreman of the yard; saw there two bundles of cable yarn; believes them to be the King's goods, but denies any knowledge of how or when they were conveyed thither.*

*Edward Feats, servant to Henry Tovey: Came to the workhouse on Saturday morning; saw there two bundles of cable yarn not belonging to his master, which were presently seized by the foreman of the yard.*

*Thos. Pount, journeyman to Hen. Tovey: The two bundles of cable yarn found in Tovey's rope ground on Saturday morning, were not there the night before; the door seemed to have been forced; no notice was given until an hour after, when it was discovered and seized by the foreman.*

*John Barfoot of Portsmouth, ropemaker: Went to work with Hen. Tovey's servants on Saturday; Edw. Feats had the key and entered first; finding the two winches of yarn, he said to the rest, that it was brought in that night, and nothing was to be said about it until they heard from their master; no discovery was made thereof until an hour afterwards.*

*Robt. Sely, ropemaker: Was at his lodgings on Friday night last; worked at the ropehouse on Monday, but not since.*

*Rich. Neather, ropemaker: Went to work with Hen. Tovey's servants on Saturday; saw the two bundles of yarn in his workhouse; did not make it known until the foreman of the yard seized it; was the first to tell his master's brother of the finding of the goods.* [*Adm. Papers, 4 pages.*] *Portsmouth, April* 11, 1666.

April 12. Warrant to Sir George Carteret, treasurer of the navy, to pay Sir Thomas Allin 1,000*l.*, to be reimbursed to him out of the fourpences allowed for maintenance of ministers in the navy, a grant to Allin of 1,000*l.* from the said fourpences having hitherto proved ineffectual. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 71.]

[April 12.] 96. Draft of the above.

April 12. Whitehall. 97. Report by the Earl of Lauderdale, and Lords Arlington, Ashley, and Berkeley, on the difference between John Hammond, merchant, and the Earl of Morton, that the King David of Drontheim was freighted, in August 1664, by Hammond, to go to Norway and return, laden with deals; that she was driven by weather into the Orkneys, and in April 1665, the lading was condemned in the Admiralty Court, on the declaration of war of 22nd February 1665, because

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Oche Alberts, the master, was a Dutchman, and owner of one-sixteenth part; as the goods were laden before the said declaration, they advise release of the lading, on payment of reasonable charges, but give no opinion about the ship, that being Danish.

April? 98. Petition of the Inhabitants of the Isle of Wight to the King, that the stores and magazines may be replenished, the island put into better defence, the enclosures of Parkhurst Forest, erected by Lord Colepeper, captain of the island for life, laid open, as the land was always before common pasture, and other grievances redressed. Complain that Lord Colepeper assumes the title of governor, and intermeddles in the civil government by disturbing the laws, and by imprisoning persons at pleasure in a noisome dungeon in Carisbrook Castle. With 80 original signatures.

April. 12. 99. Lord Arlington to Sir Rob. Dillington and Sir Rob. Worseley. The King, having received a report on the petition of the inhabitants of the Isle of Wight against Lord Colepeper, sees no occasion to believe that he has misbehaved himself towards the inhabitants; he wishes them to know this, and also that he is not well pleased with the manner of their address, and expects that they will hereafter treat his lordship with the respect due to His Majesty's commissioner and his own quality. His lordship knows that neither he nor any one else will be protected in breach of laws or violence to the subject. His Majesty is satisfied with the modesty and good behaviour which they themselves have shown, in the representation of these complaints.

April 12. 100. Draft of the above. [2 *pages.*]

April 12. Westminster. 101. Commission appointing Edw. Earl of Clarendon to act as Lord High Steward of England, at the trial of Thomas Lord Morley and Monteagle, indicted for murder, before the Peers of the realm, he receiving the indictment, &c., from Lord Chief Justice Kelynge. [2½ *pages. Latin.*]

April 12. Westminster. 102. Warrants to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge to deliver to Edw. Earl of Clarendon the indictment, &c., relating to Lord Morley and Monteagle; and to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, to bring the said Lord to trial before the said Earl, when required. [1½ *pages. Latin.*]

April 12. London. 103. C. Sankey to ———. Has the living which was Mr. Alsop's. Dr. Howorth is master of Magdalen; John Peachell and Mr. Burton are still there, the latter having "my lord's son for his pupil." The Duke of Albemarle goes to sea next week, and wonders are expected from him in humbling the Dutch, and baffling the French King. Warns his correspondent that he will have to take an oath if he wish to be within five miles of a burgess town. Wishes to buy his library. Mr. Hammond is dead. Private affairs.

April 12. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of Mary Paine, widow, Dorothy Curson, and Lieutenant Turner for certain small

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tenements in Bishopsgate Street, which the King is willing to grant them on account of their charge and pains in the discovery and prosecution thereof. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 202.]

April 12. Reference to the Lord Chancellor on the petition of Henry and Lady Anne Murray, David Walter, and Lady Dacre his wife, and Mary Countess of Anglesey, requesting the King to order the Lord Chancellor to prevent the Earl of Oxford from pulling down Bentley House, and felling 2,000*l.* worth of pollard trees there. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 202.]

April 13. London. 104. W. Prynne's reasons for continuing the cottages and inmates in London; viz., that the order against them was laid aside in the House of Commons, in an additional Bill concerning the plague, as destructive to trade; that it would turn out many seamen and mechanics who are unable to rent an entire house, and also many of the King's officers who hire lodgings for a time; that it would enhance the prices of manufactures, and ruin many landlords; the beginning to proceed in it has caused much discontent, and people say it will be their second undoing after the pestilence, and worse to them than the plague.

April 13. Warrant to pay to Thos. Earl of Berkshire 340*l.* for the half-year's hire of Berkshire House, for the entertainment of the Duc de Verneuil, ambassador extraordinary for the French King. [*Docquet.*]

April 13. Presentation of Matthew Bonner, M.A., to the Rectory of Simonsburn, with the Chapel of Bellingham, co. Northumberland. [*Docquet.*]

April 13. Plymouth. 105. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Has hastily patched up his accounts, so as not to lose the post. Will write further next week. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 13. Dover. 106. Tho. White to the Navy Comrs. Received an order from Sir Chris. Myngs, March 26, to supply the hired ship Society with a boat and other necessaries; asks directions in such cases; the Drake has set sail. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

106. I. *Receipt by the boatswain for goods supplied to the Society from the stores at Dover.* [*Copy.*] *March* 26, 1666.

April 13. Victualling Office. 107. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, of accounts passed at the Victualling Office, by Capt. Joseph Aldersey, late commander of the Mary yacht. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 13. Plymouth. 108. Thos. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Sends the muster books of four ships; the Elizabeth and Sorlings are still at sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 13. Plymouth. 109. Thos. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Since sending the muster rolls, the Dartmouth and Little Gift, with their convoys, have arrived; particulars of ships in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 14. 110. Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. Sent the sea-book of the Tiger, at the purser's request, in order to get the Board's allowance for 3,315 supernumeraries. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 14. 111. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Is willing to take the French salt offered, upon impartial terms. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 14. Dover. 112. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Irish tallow is good, clean, and hard; the merchant will sell it at the price current, and abate something for ready money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 14. The Coventry, Downs. 113. Capt. Wm. Hill to the Navy Comrs. Refused to sign Barth. Cock his late boatswain's account, because he never would give account of his expenditure after the first four months; the master and purser cannot safely sign it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 14. 114. Certificate by the Masters of the Trinity House, that David King of Barking is fit to take charge as master of any ship or frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 14. 115. Discharge by Sam. Wyatt, watchmaker of St. Margaret's, Westminster, to Fras. Royley, of Westminster, of all claims due to him, of any sort whatsoever. With receipt of 50*s.* from him.

April 14. Whitehall. Order to the Farmers of Customs to permit John Barcroft, serjeant-at-arms, to export to Guernsey and Jersey 1,000 todds of of wool, half of it combed, 50 tons of lead, and 30 dickers of leather, on payment of the usual customs, for which exports the King has granted him a licence. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 71.]

April 14. Whitehall. Order for a warrant to pay Sir Roger Langley 733*l.*, for the King's immediate and secret service, to be taken by him out of moneys remaining in his hands from the revenue of the hearth money in Yorkshire for 1664. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 72.]

April 14. Westminster. 116. Warrant from Lord Chancellor Clarendon, as lord high steward of England for the time, to Roger Harsnett, serjeant-at-arms, to summon the Peers to the trial of Thos. Lord Morley and Monteagle, of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, on April 30, at 8 a.m., at Westminster. With note by Harsnett that he has summoned the Peers. [*Copies, Latin.*]

April 14. 117. Copy of the above.

April 15. 118. Memoranda relating to prisoners accused of offences against the State, in sundry towns and counties named, with the dates of their several committals, from 1660 to 15 April 1666. [*Handwriting of one of Lord Arlington's secretaries.*]

April 15. Whitehall. Proclamation permitting free export of woollen goods to any places within the Merchant Adventurers' patent, except Dort and

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Hamburg, until 25 Dec. next, on account of the large quantities of goods that lie on the clothiers' hands, because of the late contagion. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p.* 217.]

April 15. Portsmouth. 119. Comr. Thos Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Wishes those affidavits could be had, it would aid the business in hand; the Delft will soon be at Spithead; many families are shut up in Portsmouth with sickness, but it is not the plague; fewer die than usual; the stock fish must be removed; it were better to heave it into the sea, than let it lie where it is; if the worms get into it, the stores will never be free of them; it is a hazard to all the canvas, for "the worm bred in stock fish is as pernicious to linen as the moth is to woollen;" proposes that the victualler should lodge it, until it can be disposed of; it would be a welcome commodity to the Golden Lion, on her voyage to Guinea, if the Royal Company would buy it; Madam Pley complains much for want of money; it would be a pity to let so good a manufacture as English canvas fail for want of encouragement; has bought 10 tons of cordage at 34*s.* per cwt.; asks what is to be done with the fly-boat which brought in stores from Deptford. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

April 15. Deptford. 120. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The Dutch prize Fortune is worm-eaten "to a honeycomb;" asks advice about her repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 16. Yarmouth. 121. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Progress of the works on board the Milkmaid; has borrowed some provisions from the victualler's agent; begs orders for a supply whilst in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 16. Yarmouth. 122. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The last parcel of cordage was bought from five different persons, who depend on him for payment; has 28 tons waiting wind and convoy for Harwich, where the Sweepstakes and Milkmaid are complete; will send account of their disbursements; begs a bill of imprest, having engaged to pay ready money for the cordage; the King's jack is hardly protection enough for the Milkmaid, as the commanders, in point of men, scarce credit each other. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 16. Hull. 123. Wm. Skinner to the Navy Comrs. Has applied to the mayor of the town for a pilot for the Black Dog for Stockwith; can only get the man who was pilot to the Adam and Eve when she overset; desires convoy into the Thames in 18 days. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 16. Yarmouth. 124. Capt. Fras. Saunders, of the Sweepstakes, to the Navy Comrs. The ship is nearly completed; neither the boatswain, carpenter, nor gunner have fitting stores; the provisions supplied are all good, except the beer; the purser cannot go through his duty for want of necessary money; is ordered by the Duke of Albemarle to the buoy of the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 16. Margate. 125. Fras. Digges to Thos. Hayter. Asks payment of bills for work performed upon the Good Hope; 20*l.* was allowed by the

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Navy Comrs. last winter, for similar repairs to the Forester, a smaller ship; gave eight days' attendance about weighing the anchor. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 16. Westminster. 126. Warrant to pay to George Cork, treasurer for sick, wounded, and imprisoned soldiers, 40,000*l.*, for distribution, by the Commissioners for relief of the sick, &c., and of Dutch and French prisoners; to be paid from the moneys voted by Parliament for maintenance of the war. [*Draft.*]

April 16. Warrant for a lease in possession or in reversion to Hen. Lord Arlington, of Great St. John's Wood, Marybone parish; one fourth he held before, on rent of 6*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; one half in reversion, on rent of 13*l.* 9*s.*; and the lease of the other fourth he has purchased from Sir Wm. Clarke. [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 183–8.]

April 16. Letter to the Dean and Chapter of St. Peter's, Westminster, to receive —— Enfield almsman. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 19, *p.* 54.]

April 16. Warrant for the Gentlemen and Yeoman Harbingers' allowance of board wages in lieu of diet for one whole year. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 73.]

April 16. Whitehall. Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain to swear in William Chiffinch to the office of Keeper of the King's closet and pictures, in place of Thos. Chiffinch, deceased. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 73.]

April 16. Whitehall. 127. Blank warrant for a grant of the estate of Sir Roger Norwich, in co. Northampton, forfeit for murder.

April 16. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 74.]

April 16. Whitehall. 128. Warrant to Sir Wm. Doyley, Commissioner for sick, wounded, and prisoners, to discharge Thomas Orty, a Dutch prisoner, from Chichester gaol.

April 16. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 74.]

April [16]. Whitehall. 129. Warrant for Hugh May, paymaster of the works, to execute the office of Surveyor of works, during the indisposition of Sir John Denham. [2 *pages.*]

April 16. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 75.]

[April 16.] 130. Draft of the above. [1½ *pages.*]

April 16. Pass for the Earl of Essex to go to France for two years for his health. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 77.]

[April 16.] 131. Draft of the above.

April 16. Warrant to the Commissioners of Ordnance to deliver to George Duke of Buckingham 50 bags of saltpetre, to prevent interruption and cost in the glass works lately set up at his expense. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 77.]

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April 17. Whitehall. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs at London and Officers of Prizes at Milton and Ipswich for cloves, silk, and indigo, taken out of the Dutch East India ships, to be delivered to John Cory. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p*, 81.]

[April 17.] Sec. Morice to Sir Philip Honeywood, Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth. On complaint of the magistrates of Portsmouth, the King has given the mayor a reprimand. If any of the aldermen still continue stubborn, he is to remove them, the care of the town being committed to him. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 80.] *Encloses,*

I. *The King to the Mayor of Portsmouth. Thought that the hand of God on the nation and now threatening that town would have prevented any complaints against him, because he will remove none to the pest-house but such as are kept upon alms, nor any soldiers. Is much displeased at his insensibility to the dangers of such proceedings, and his refractoriness in matters concerning the public safety, and requires him to amend his conduct and take every precaution to relieve those under infection, and to prevent its spreading further.* [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 79–80.] *April* 17, 1666

April 17. Grant to Edmund Wyndham and Edw. Progers, of part of the moiety of the fines to be recovered from forgers or users of counterfeited public faith bills, debentures, and certificates in the late times, not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion, with power to sue and compound for the same. [*Docquet.*]

April 17. Plymouth. 1. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. The St. Peter of Ostend is the ship inquired after; has ordered that she be not discharged, and has sent Sir Wm. Coventry's letter to Sir John Skelton. Has not time to send accounts of the Richmond and Nightingale. Has very little cordage remaining. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

1. I. ——— *to John Lanyon. The skipper confesses that the St. Peter of Ostend is the ship enquired after; that Cornelius and Martin Vandertrype are the owners, and have possessed her ever since the last war between England and Spain, and that she was a prize taken from the English.*

1. II. *Account of the receipt and delivery of cordage at Plymouth.*

April 17. 2. Ursula Newell to the Navy Comrs. Can produce a witness lately arrived from the Indies, to prove that Anthony Newell, her husband, is alive, and on board the Chestnut ketch. Noted "4*l.* for her present relief and support." [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 17. Victualling Office, Tower Hill. 3. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. The tonnage of 25,000 men's victuals for 56 days amounts to 8,000 tons; vessels must be provided at the ports of Dover, Portsmouth, London, and Harwich, according to the quantity required to be shipped from each. Wishes Portsmouth, next to London, to have the greatest number of victualling ships appointed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 17. Portsmouth. 4. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Will offer the stockfish to the Prize Officers. Longs to see those affidavits sent to Sir Chris. Myngs. Expects Capt. Peach daily, to deliver in the twine. Mr. Silvester of Gosport can get no men to work, in consequence of the plague, and therefore cannot complete the chain by Michaelmas. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 17. Plymouth. 5. Thos. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 17. 6. Sir Chris. Myngs to the Navy Comrs. John Bassett, master of the Delight, has served under his command since Feb. 1665; desires that he may receive the pay allowable to others in his condition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 18. 7. Certificate by Roger Morris and John Tooker that the prize casks delivered to Mr. Gauden is worth 3*s.* 6*d.* to 8*s.* the ton, and the iron hoops 18*s.* the 100. Endorsed with the account of cask, &c., delivered from eight ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 18. 8. Geo. Pley, [sen.,] to Sam. Pepys. Acknowledges two credits received. Was solicitous for money to prevent the manufacture falling to the ground. There is no convoy needed to bring the cloth to Portsmouth, for it is arrived, delivered, and measured by this time. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April ? 9. Petition of Dan. Arthur, merchant of London, to the King. Thos. Hackett, of Dublin, and others freighted a ship, the Success of Liverpool, with herrings and butter. Fearing molestation from the French, they had papers written to give semblance that the goods belonged to the French, and now, by the strict Admiralty laws, their ship, which is seized, can be proceeded against. Pray for a hearing before Council, and release of their goods on bail.

April 18. The King to Dr. Leoline Jenkins, judge of the High Court of Admiralty. Daniel Arthur, merchant of London, petitions for restitution to Sir Ralph Wilson, governor of Limerick, in Ireland, and two other merchants, of the goods contained in their ship, the Charity of Dieppe, forfeit because, without their knowledge, the master took in three Hollanders escaped from custody in Ireland, contrary to the late Act. Wishes a decree in the Admiralty Court to be passed accordingly. [*Ent. Book* 14, *pp.* 85–6.]

April 18. Salisbury. 10. ——— to [Williamson ?]. The fanatic party are not idle in these sad times; a man of that party from Glastonbury has wished them to be ready, for they should see their turn in six weeks when

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the Duke of Albemarle was gone to sea, and it would begin in the North and West of England, at Bristol, Taunton, and the North of Ireland. There are eminent men at Court who carry on the design there. Will send the intelligencer to the West, to see what he can get out of them. Wishes Lord Arlington to be acquainted with the business.

April 18. 11. Lord Fauconberg to Lord Arlington. In passing by Doncaster, was pressed by the inhabitants to recommend Capt. Ben. Marshall, in place of the postmaster, who is to be displaced. He served the King handsomely all the wars, and carries the mark of it in several places of his body.

April 19. 12. Thos. Bedford to Williamson. Wants Lord Arlington's seal to the inhibition on the King's behalf touching Sir Fras. Johnson.

April 19. Whitehall. The King to the East India Company. Thanks them for the readiness with which they advanced a sum of money upon the East India prizes, in a time of public calamity and sickness; desires 50,000*l.* with all speed, on good security, to pay off the arrears of seamen, without which it will be impossible for the fleet to put to sea. The Duke of Albemarle will treat with them about terms, and this shall not be considered a precedent for future applications. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 184.]

[April 19.] 13. Draft of the above.

April 19. 14. Account by Thos. Clarke and Andrew Crawley of cask staves, &c., received at Ipswich from April 1. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 19. Surgeons' Hall. 15. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Desires bills for the appointment of a surgeon to the Young Prince. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 19. The Hope. 16. Sir John Mennes to Sam. Pepys. Has made it a practice to pay the third and fourth-rate ships first; nothing hinders the proceedings more than the want of the books, which come in very slowly and irregularly, owing to the pursers' absence, or other negligences; more time is spent in casting up the books than would pay off the men; unless positive commands be sent for the remedy of this evil, no dispatch can be made. Wishes all the ships were ordered away, as the sickness increases, and they are "pestered with women;" there are "as many petticoats as breeches" on board some of them, and that for weeks together. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 19 Portsmouth. 17. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Will deliver up the Golden Lion when the Royal Company send a man to receive her; the affidavits shall be used to the best advantage; ropemakers have run away from fear. The weather has been too bad to allow the removal of the stockfish. Col. Reymes and Madam Pley are on their way to London. Will tender the Woodmerchant to the victualler's agent. Hopes to get the Essex afloat shortly, but not the Orange until she is quite completed. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

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April 19. Dover. 18. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Having received no answer about the tallow, thinks the letter must have miscarried. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. Plymouth. 19. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Sends account of disbursements upon five ships; total, 528*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* Repairs of the Sorlings. Particulars of ships in port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. Yarmouth. 20. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Progress of works upon the Milkmaid. Capt. Saunders of the Sweepstakes cannot spare the cable demanded of him, and the Commissioners of Prizes refuse the one in their hands, and have sent it to London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. Bruges. 21. ——— to ———. Has used up all the money, and is now disbursing his own, which he wishes repaid, and also payment for the second vessel. Affairs are in good order; almost all his people have returned. Hopes soon to send over his son, lately taken prisoner by the Hollanders, to give the King satisfaction about other affairs. [*Dutch.*]

April 20. 22. Translation of the above.

April 21. Whitehall. Proclamation recalling Col. John Desborough and 12 others from beyond sea. [*Similar to that of April 9, but adding the name of John Nicholas of Monmouthshire. Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 218.]

April 21. Whitehall. 23. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth, on advice of the Duke of Albemarle, master of the horse, to continue all the horse and nag liveries of servants of the stables who personally attend the King and Queen, and also their ordinary riding wages and lodgings, anything signed in the late book notwithstanding. [*Copy.*]

April 21. 24. Petition of the Queen's Pages of the Backstairs to the King, for provision of two more nags' liveries, there being six pages in attendance, and only four nags' liveries given.

April 21. 25. Account of Wm. Barker, surveyor of the King's stable at Hampton Court, for three years, nine months, and seven days, ending 31st March, 1666; total of money paid, 1,009*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; allowed by the Duke of Albemarle, 21st April 1666. [5 *pages.*]

April 21. 26. John Baldock to Lord Arlington. Complains that his post-place is assessed, notwithstanding his lordship's commands to the Mayor of Newark, and the King's proclamation therein mentioned; refused to pay the tax, whereupon he has been distrained and his goods sold.

April 21. Barber Surgeons' Hall. 27. Certificate by Rich. Reynell, of the appointment of Ralph Morrison as master surgeon of the Fairfax, upon the desire of Sir Chris. Myngs to take the late surgeon, John Flatman, with him into the Victory. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 21. Ratcliff. 28. John Best to Sir Wm. Batten. Begs employment as a victualler for Rich. Borthwright, who has a handsome ship of 150 tons. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 21. [Plymouth.] 29. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Sir Jeremy Smith, with his fleet, is arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 21. Ordnance Office. 30. Jonas Moore to Sam. Pepys. Begs a copy of the list, showing the difference of the ordnance in the ship now gunned from the established list. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 21. Loyal George, the Nore. 31. Capt. John Earle to the Navy Comrs. Is riding in the Nore. Wishes the owner of the ship to be sent for, that he may take care to provide boatswain and carpenters' stores for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 21. Southampton. 32. Gilbert Clement to the Navy Comrs. Has always been diligent in searching for embezzled goods, and delivering them into the storehouse at Portsmouth, and has received his thirds according to proclamation. The cordage taken from a ropemaker at Gosport is seized by Sir Humphrey Bennett as prize goods. Comr. Middleton requires him to deliver it up, but he has not done so; fears it is embezzled again, to the King's and his own loss. Particulars of a lantern taken out of a hoy belonging to Portsmouth. Requests a new warrant, in place of his old worn and torn one. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 21. Dieppe. 33. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. The cable yarn is well arrived at Ostend; begs that Thos. White may have orders to bring it home; will send a similar quantity when wind and weather permit; asks how much more will be wanted. Hopes his bill will be accepted and paid, as no goods can be had without ready money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 22. The Friesland, Portsmouth. 34. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Is almost ready to sail; has been delayed by bad weather. Asks directions. Noted "to Cowes; lie there for convoy." [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 22. 35. Certificate by Robt. Clark, of the safe pilotage of the Gloucester from Barrow Deeps to the buoy of the Nore, by Henry Cabell, pilot; with note that he demands 10*l.* for this, but stands at 5*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 22. Plymouth. 36. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. The salt ships were ordered by the Commissioners for Prizes to be discharged. Had no orders from the Navy Comrs. to the contrary. Mr. Gauden is likely to want salt for other ports, and will doubtless take it up. Is coming to town to pass his accounts, upon the commencement of the new establishment of his office. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 22. Portsmouth. 37. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The stockfish is being delivered to Mr. Gauden's agent. Mr. Silvester could not complete the chain, on account of the sickness at Gosport. None have lately fallen sick of the plague in Portsmouth; 14 days ago a

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woman fell down dead in the street; 10s. was given to a person to take the body to her house and fit it for the grave, the people not believing that she died of the plague, until the poor woman who stripped the body was carried to the pest-house sick. Sends the carpenters who have been in infected houses on board the Little Francis, to wash themselves and their clothes, and burn rosin and brimstone for 14 days, before they are admitted to the yard. Particulars of ships. Asks whether the Woodmerchant is to be victualled on the King's account. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

April 22. Reading. 38. Sir Willm. Armorer to Williamson. Wishes the informers to be bound over to prosecute Hach, the next Berkshire assizes. Wishes Lord [Arlington] much joy. *Encloses,*

38. 1. *Testimony of Simon Polhill, of Birchin Lane, London. Emanuel Hach said that wickedness, drinking, whoring, and swearing were established by law, and that God would destroy and burn them up. With note, [by Williamson,] that Hach lives at Brackwell, Berkshire, and John Hill, a keeper of Windsor Forest, can inform further against him.* *Feb.* 14, 1666.

April ? Whitehall. 39. The King to [the Bishop of Durham]. Is surprised that the intercession of the Lord General should not have prevailed with him to give a portion with his daughter, married to the general's kinsman, Denis Grenville, who has been at large expenses about his marriage and preferments, and is much impeded by his debts. Expects this to be done forthwith, so as to relieve a person very worthy, and related to a family that has done so much for the Royal cause, and to satisfy the relations, who will never rest till his reasonable desires are met.

April 23. Cockpit. 40. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Has interceded with the Bishop of Durham in favour of his kinsman [Denis] Grenville, who married the Bishop's daughter, coming thereby to great misfortune. Begs for Grenville a few minutes' time, to acquaint his lordship with his condition; also begs his influence with the King. Would not have troubled him, but for being called away to his employment at sea.

April 23. Cockpit. 41. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Commends Sir Edw. Savage, an old servant, and well known as a sufferer in the King's cause. Is unable to move His Majesty therein before he goes to sea. *Encloses,*

41. 1. *Petition of Sir Edward Savage to the King, for a pension; suffered the loss of 30,000l., was a prisoner seven years, lost much blood and his right hand in the wars, and is reduced to great extremity.* *April* 23, 1666.

April 23. London. 42. Remonstrance of Edward Stratton, plasterer, of St. Sepulchre's parish, London, to the King. Has already brought several remarkable things to perfection, and knows of two or three other ways to raise great sums of money for the King, and not prejudice the subject, viz.:— first, to have the licensing of alehouses brought

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into the Exchequer, and granted for 20*s.*, the victuallers, &c., keeping account of their excise, on pain of forfeiture; second, to renew the charters of all trading corporations, a few of each company to be chosen to redress abuses; third, to tax malt, the maltsters being few in number and driving great trades; fourth, to tax all grain exported.

April 23. Whitehall. 43. Pass permitting the export of a bull and a cow to Flanders.

April 23. 44. List of 72 commissions, letters, and other papers signed by the King since April 3rd. [2½ *pages.*]

April 23. Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of John Lord Berkeley and the Lord Delawarr. [*Ent. Book* 18 *p.* 203. *See April* 10.]

April 23. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the forces, to allow daily pay to certain reformed officers named, and to others to be added thereto by advice of the Lord Treasurer, Lord General, or Secretaries of State. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 104.] *Annexing,*

1. *List of reformed officers from the several garrisons and of* 10 *names added thereto.*

April 23. Whitehall. 45. Commission to Robert Lord Willoughby, of Eresby, to succeed Sir Wm. Blakiston as captain of the troop of horse in the Earl of Lindsey's regiment.

April. Minute of the above, misdated April 13. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 107.]

April 23. Whitehall. 46. Commission of lieutenancy in the Earl of Lindsey's troop of horse in his regiment to Adam Claypole.

April 23. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 107.]

April 23. 47. Commission to Capt. Forster to be Captain of the late Capt. Henshaw's troop in the same regiment.

April 23. Minute of the above [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 107.]

April 23. Warrant for a grant to Charles Gringam [Gringaud] of the office of Surveyor of the Excise in the port of London. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 78.]

April 23. Warrant for a grant to Lord Chancellor Clarenden of Caron House and grounds, containing 10 acres, in Lambeth, Surrey, on rental of 10*s.* [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 78.]

April 23. Whitehall. 48. Licence to Samuel Lee to travel in America, the Caribbee Islands, &c., to improve his knowledge, and to collect rarities of art and nature.

April 23. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 80.]

April 23. Warrant to allow to Sir Roger Langley, Bart., 733*l.* for secret service, out of the revenue of the hearth money for Yorkshire for 1664, remaining in his hand. [*Docquet.*]

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April 23. Warrant to the Exchequer to pay to Gervase Price, keeper of the private armory at Whitehall, 631*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*, for riding charges for himself and men, as formerly paid by the treasurer of the chamber. [*Docquet.*]

April 23. Yarmouth. 49. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Captain Saunders refuses to spare a cable from the Milkmaid, and the Commissioners for Prizes have shipped theirs with other things for London; asks how the ship is to be supplied; 100 yards of cloth are wanted to make tarpaulin, &c., for the Sweepstakes; the beer and all other provisions at Yarmouth are old; cordage is dispatched for Harwich; hopes the 1,500*l.* imprest bill has been sent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23. Yarmouth. 50. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Has not one cable to spare from the Sweepstakes for the Milkmaid; list of things short in the boatswain's indent; junk is wanted for wads, also canvas, deals, and other necessaries. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23. Bristol. 51. John Jones to the Navy Comrs. Was employed with Dan. Fudger [Furzer] of Lydney, in putting up to sale all useless and decayed timber there; entreats payment for his care and many journeys. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23. Dover. 52. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. The contention between himself and Mr. Wivell was not brought about through his own ill carriage; was very civil till Mr. Wivell forgot how to make use of it; has since kept at a distance, to let him know the difference of employments; proposes, as a remedy for similar misconduct in future, that victuallers shall issue no provisions by virtue of orders from commanders or by letters of credit, until the surveyors have seen the said orders; sent letters in January about the regulations of pursers' accounts and the mustering of ships; according to the present practices carried on, the King receives much detriment; cannot perfect last month's accounts without a view of Mr. Wivell's books. Mr. Wivell has been found guilty of intercepting a letter, after it was in the postmaster's hand; were it not for fear of offending Mr. Gauden, would prosecute him. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

April 23. Chatham. 53. Capt John Pearse, of the Convertine, to the Navy Comrs. Will soon be ready to take in beer and provisions; the ship has lain so long that part of her men are pressed and gone away; requests orders for their return, and a press warrant to procure others; buried 42 at Gottenburg and six more at sea, and set 44 on shore sick at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23. Sayes Court. 54. Sir Rich. Browne to Sam. Pepys. Recommends John Waters to the command of the Horseman prize, a small victualler at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23. Royal James, Nore. 55. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. Begs the interest of the Board in behalf of Philip Row and four other pressed seamen turned on board the Royal James, to obtain their tickets, left with Capt. Matly of the John and Catherine, or to stop the money out

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of Matly's pay; has given notice to the fleet to prepare their books with all speed; the Helverson and Crown have left Sheerness; the St. George is arrived from the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 24. Portsmouth. 56. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Mary ketch is come into port for 50 men out of the Golden Lion; it will be a difficult matter to get them, for the men swear they will not go with Sir Robt. Holmes; there are several deaths in Portsmouth from the plague; it decreases at Gosport. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

56. I. *Edw. Silvester to the Navy Comrs. Intended to proceed with the chain and anchors; materials were provided, but the plague being so hot at Gosport, and the workmen dispersed, some dead, others shut up, and others gone away, could only get two to work out of the* 16 *employed; until it please God to remove the visitation, cannot possibly go forward.* *Portsmouth, April* 24, 1666.

April 24. Dover. 57. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. It will be a greater charge to receive the French goods sent by Peter Crucifix at Ostend, and bring them to Dover, than to ship them at once for London; has more cable yarn now in store than the ropemaker can use; asks directions about the Irish tallow; the commander of the Seven Oaks desires recruits for his boatswain and carpenter's stores. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

57. I. *Peter Crucifix to Thos. White. Advises the arrival of* 62 *wheels of cable yarn at Ostend.* [*Copy.*]
*Dieppe, April* 13, 1666.

April 24. Plymouth. 58. Thos. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. The Nightingale departed with her convoys for Ireland, and Sir Jeremiah Smith, with his squadron of 23 sail, is gone eastward. Capt. Pett, of the Tiger, sailed with his convoys of East Indiamen and other ships out of the Channel. A ketch from Tangiers has brought Lord Bellows [Belasyse] and a packet with news of Guiland's treaty. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 24. London. 59. Jas. Marsingaile to the Navy Comrs. Was master of the Bear, but discharged when it was laid by. Begs pay and the mastership of the East India Merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 24. Weymouth. 60. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell, Post Office, London. Capt. Tite's two prizes are discharged, but Capt. Abbott's still remains; both the captains are gone to sea again. The Mary Rose landed a packet which was hastened away, and reported the safety of the Straits fleet of 60 sail, with their convoys, from Tangiers as far as Lisbon; they are behind hand, because some of the ships sail badly. The King of Morocco has sent 2,000 barrels of gunpowder and some gallant horses to the King of England, and will do the same every year. Many ships were seen yesterday bound eastward, but the wind crosses them; many guns were heard last evening.

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April 24. Order for a warrant to the Commissioners for sick and wounded soldiers and prisoners of war, to remove such prisoners as are in Bristol, under sufficient guard, to Chepstow Castle. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 79.]

April 24. Order for a warrant to Lord Herbert, governor of Chepstow Castle, to keep there in safe custody such prisoners as shall be removed thither from Bristol. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 79.]

[April 24.] 61. Draft of the two preceding orders.

April 26. Portsmouth. 62. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Can say little in answer to Capt. Wood's letter; knows Capt. Tinker to be an able and diligent man, and believes his report concerning the remissness of the master of the Henrietta, in not using proper means to get her off the ground; it was well the ship was on ground "upon the horse's tail only;" is certain she sat fast for at least four hours; cannot understand how Capt. Wood, himself a seaman, could admit of his master being drunk in the cabin, when a ship of that charge was leaving port. Mrs. Pley's cordage is very good. Particulars of ships. Capt. Peach is so afflicted with the gout that he cannot send in his account for the twine. Capt. Tinker was not on board when the Henrietta grounded, neither was it his duty to be there; Capt. Wood ought to have been himself upon deck. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

62. 1. *Capt. Walter Wood to the Navy Comrs. Is sorry that Capt. Tinker should report a gross untruth. It is true that the ship ran "on the tail of the horse," but every means was taken to get her off. Could testify to much greater oversight of Capt. Tinker's, if his remissness were examined.* *Henrietta, April* 18, 1666.

April 26. Navy Office, London. 63. Warrant from the Navy Comrs. to the Clerks of the Cheque, Stores, and Ropeyard at Portsmouth, to forbear issuing any junk or portrope, upon the master attendant or clerk of the survey's order as the ships are now to be supplied from the Tower, but to deliver old junk, fit only for wadding, to the Commissioners of Ordnance, and take their receipt for the same. Copy, with Comr. Middleton's opinion, that there will never be such good husbandry in the King's service, that ropes should be so well worn as to be fit for no other use than wads, therefore concludes that the order forbids to give any at all. Has 7 or 8 tons of rakings which would make better wads than old junk, but it is refused by the gunners, "because they are gunners, and because they are thieves;" it is not such ready money, not so easy to convey away, and more troublesome to make. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

April 26. Poultry Counter. 64. Thos. Rolf, purser of the Coast, to the Navy Comrs. Is the first example of one of his faculty having to undergo the domestic hostility of "cannibal jailers," who eat up alive all sorts and sects, to the ruin of many a family. Had gathered all his receipts and

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warrants for the immediate passing of his accounts, upon discharge of the ship, but was arrested by a creditor and thrown into bonds; has appealed in vain to Sir Wm. Coventry; entreats release. Has given neither bail nor answer to his adversary, lest it should be an ill precedent for others; is willing to pay every man to a farthing, when at liberty to pass his accounts. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*]

April 26. Tower Hill. 65. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Sir Jeremy Smith's fleet has left the Straits. Asks whether the provisions sent for Cadiz are to be landed there or at Tangiers, that speedy directions may be given, to prevent demurrage; the remainder shipped in the Globe are unloading at Plymouth as ordered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 26. 66. Schedule of letters of credit for provisions for ships given at Dover, since March 9, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 26. Royal Charles, in the Hope. 67. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. Can give little news, being on the way to the buoy of the Nore. The Amity has brought in a Dutch prize, bound for the West Indies, laden with building materials, beads, and knives for the Indians, &c., and having on board Capt. John Deene, governor of Kechovorell, river of Osequell, America. Note of 13 ships found in the Hope.

April 26. Whitehall. 68. Petition of George Kirke to the King. Is a prisoner for 4,000*l.*, spent on robes and wearing apparel for the late King, to whom he was gentleman of the robes, and who gave him, on his first marriage with Ann Killigrew, the manor of Sheriff Hutton, Yorkshire, and other lands for life, on rent of 24*l.*, the reversion of which was sold to the city of London, at the ancient rent of 788*l.* 15*s.* 7¾*d.* Requests a grant for 31 years of the said rent, on payment of 188*l.* 15*s.* 7¾*d.* With reference thereon to the Lord Treasurer.

April 26. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 203.]

April 26. 69. Hamlet Borer to Williamson. As soon as Lord Arlington has perfected the instructions, wants the Duke of York's warrant to the Judge of the Admiralty, for granting him letters of marque and reprisal. Begs expedition, having had great trouble and vexation in following the Court three years, as every day now is worth a month. Wishes to be excepted out of the next treaty, unless satisfaction be made. Was advised to take letters of marque only, during the war, and give no account except of the Duke's tenths. Wishes his warrant to be for as many commissions as possible. Asked for 23 little vessels, but Sir Wm. Coventry said that was too many. If the letters are of marque and reprisal, will have to pay tenths and give account also. *Annexing,*

69. I. *Order in Council for granting letters of marque to Hamlet Borer as in March* 14. [*Copy*, 2 *pages.*]
*Whitehall, March* 14, 1666.

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1666 April 26. London. 70. L. V. to Baron de Rede de Renswonde. Travelled by Ostend, Nieuport, Dover, and Gravesend to London. Has seen the person in private, bnt no positive answer could be given, unless some one were sent with some character to make an overture. The Lord is sensible they begin to fear, because of the Prince; some one should be sent that has acquaintance there. Endorsed "Intercepted letters." [*Copy, 2 pages.*]

April 27. 71. Amadi ben Wolfen to the Elector of Brandenburg. It was resolved that Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle should not go till Wednesday last, but on news of peace concluded between the States General and the Bishop of Munster, they embarked on the 23d, St. George's day. The Danish resident took leave; the King looked sourly on him, and would not hear his speech out, bnt went away, as did the Duke of York. Sir Jeremy Smith has returned, but done nothing singular, and has left behind him the Smyrna fleet, worth many tons of gold. Next week the fleet will come together, being 100 ships, and on May-day the King and Queen will visit them. Capt. Carey, near kinsman of the Countess of Monmouth, was thought likely to marry her; she was struck down by him, and her skull broken in three places, because she refused him, seeing that for his wickedness he was cashiered, and in great disgrace with the King. There are small hopes of her life, and if she die, the King will afford him no grace. [*Translation from German. Copy, 2 pages. In the same hand as the preceding.*]

April 27. 72. H. C. to Peter Chamberlain of Holland. Cannot sue out a patent of court without a previous grant from the King, and none will venture money on it without conviction of its possibility. The King has issued a proclamation for eight or nine persons to return from Holland or be reputed traitors, so that none can come over without a resolution of never returning. Private affairs.

April 27. London. 73. Jo. Wright to his brother. Wishes him to enquire after the limner who drew the sea fight, the man that came into the prison to take the names of the ships and flags, and send him over from [to ?] England, he being wanted at once by the Duke of York. Also,

——— to ———. Private affairs. Thinks they had better keep a hosier's shop in London. [*Copies.*]

April 27. Whitehall. 74. Petition of Mary, wife of Wm. Wescutt, prisoner in Newgate, to the King, for her husband's life, on security for his good behaviour. He was drawn by Saunders, Evans, Wood, and other plotters into the conspiracy against the King intended for September last; he surrendered himself as evidence against the others, and was not to have been tried, but being of imperfect memory and worse speech, he was not judged a fit person to be used as evidence, and being thought obstinate, was indicted, and must suffer with the other plotters, unless pardoned. With reference thereon to the Earl of Craven, Justice Warcup, and Mr. Halsall, scoutmaster general, and report of the former, April 28, that Wescutt was only guilty

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of concealing the plot; that his dulness when examined was from real deficiency of parts, and that "he is a poor despicable fellow, having a wife and four small children."

April 27. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 203.]

April 27. Whitehall. Sec. Morice to Sir John Lenthall, keeper of the King's Bench prison. John Sandelands, servant of Wm. Nicholls, citizen of London, has defrauded his master, and having removed himself to the King's Bench, abuses its pretended privileges by walking freely abroad, and speaking insolently about his master. The King is much offended thereat, thinks such a privilege a scandal to government, and requires greater caution in allowing it to any prisoner. Sandelands is to be strictly kept, that he may learn to fear the laws and satisfy his master, or at least that imprisonment may not become a mockery. Cautions him that such complaints turn to his prejudice. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 86.]

April 27. Whitehall. Licence to Henry Earl of Holland, at his request, to continue in France for recovery of his health, notwithstanding the declaration of war between England and France. [*Ent. Book* 14, *pp.* 87 *and* 94–5.]

April 27. The King to the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieutenant, and the Deputy Lieutenants of Somersetshire. One moiety of the militia money for the first two years was ordered to be paid to Sir Phil. Honeywood, deputy governor of Portsmouth, and the other to remain in the county. A third year's tax has since been raised, which remains in the sheriff's hands. Orders 2,000*l.* thereof to be paid to Sir Wm. Berkeley, governor of Portsmouth. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 107.]

[April 27.] 75, 76. Two drafts of the above. [2½ *pages.*]

April 27. Whitehall. 77. Warrant to Col. William Legg to prevent the serving any warrants, however obtained, for deer in the forests of Aliceholt and Walmer, for seven years, and also to allow no fee deer to the officers of the forest.

April 27. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 79.]

April 27. Warrant for payment of 300*l.* to Major Wood, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 81.]

April 27. Warrant for 800*l.*, payable to George Cartwright for the use of the Commissioners employed to visit the colonies in New England. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 81.]

April 27. 78. Jonas Shish to the [Navy Comrs.] Sends the dimensions of five [Gottenburg] ships and of five coal ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 27. Kinsale. 79. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges a bill of exchange for 100*l.* from Thos. Hayter. Begs full payment for his disbursements. Want of money has made the people careless of those sick men quartered at their houses, and the apothecaries slack in delivering what is called for; it causes wonder and discou-

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ragement to see the prisoners so well cared for out of prize goods, and a surplus of cash remaining in the officers' hands, while the King's servants want their allowed supply. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 27. Yarmouth. 80. Thos. Stollard, master of the Milkmaid, to the Navy Comrs. The ship is almost ready for sea. Asks to whom he is to be assigned in the place he goes to, and what convoy shall be appointed. Has been obliged to borrow a fortnight's victuals for the time of being in harbour, the victualler's agent only having orders for the three months' supply. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 27. Plymouth. 81. Henry Pike and John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. A Swedish ship is arrived laden with deals and masts; have desired the captain to forbear disposing of them until further orders, as directed by them and Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Pollard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[April 27.] Yarmouth. 82. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Taylor, storekeeper at Harwich, refuses to receive the cordage by weight, as the stores have no need of small coils, and he has no convenience to weigh them; requests orders to him about it. The beer in brewing for the Sweepstakes and Milkmaid will be very good. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 27. The Blackamoor, Harwich. 83. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Will be victualled and ready to join the fleet by the 28th inst. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 28. Whitehall. 84. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. As Alderman Barker is in the mind to sell his hemp upon credit of the new Act, it will be advisable to contract for the whole parcel. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 28. 85. Thos. Perring, surveyor of Mr. Johnson's ship, to the Navy Comrs. Desires warrants for two to survey the masts of the ship building at Blackwall. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 28. The Friezland, Spithead. 86. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Set sail from Portsmouth yesterday. Shall ride in Cowes Road until the convoy and the rest arrive. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 28. Royal Katherine. 87. Sir Thos. Teddeman to Sam. Pepys. Wants a hundred tickets, and some of the laws of war to hang in the steerage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 28. Stockwith. 88. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Is unable to raise the Adam and Eve; she lies still with her keel upwards; to get the timber out, there must be a port hole cut in her bows; this will spoil the ship and be a great charge; has discharged all the men, except the master's mate, who will look after her until further orders. Begs payment of 40*s.* expended in victualling six men for 20 days, at 6*d.* a day. Has not received the last bill sent for 125*l.* Some persons have cut the sails and ropes of the Adam and Eve and conveyed them away. Desires warrants for their apprehension. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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April 28. 89. G. Bowerman to Sir Wm. Penn and Sir Wm. Batten. Has 600*l.* due for ballast and expenses, having received nothing since May 4th, 1665. Owes a considerable sum for rent to the Duke of York, having already paid more for rent than is raised out of the office, but cannot pay more until he is himself paid. Begs that his condition may be made known to the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 28. Warrant to [John] Bradley to apprehend [John] Frith. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 81.]

April 28. Reference to the Treasurer and Comptroller of the Household and Board of Greencloth, on the petition of several of the King's servants attending the kitchen, buttery, and cellar, complaining of an arrear charged against them for provisions that were really expended in His Majesty's service. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 204.]

April 28. 90. Thos. Bedford to Williamson. Asks Lord Arlington's seal to the inhibition about "the Saviour of the World and all the Souls in Purgatory"; and also to the decree for bringing the said ship from Ireland to London.

April 29. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 91. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. Came thither on Saturday with 11 ships, and found 32 there, and 6 or 7 at Sheerness. They are not troubled with the breaking off of the treaty at Paris, nor with the peace concluded with the Bishop of Munster: the more danger, the more honour, and the more opportunity of getting prizes.

April 29. Portsmouth. 92. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Capt. Taylor's bowsprit would have been too small for the Loyal London or the great new ship at Deptford. Mrs. Pley is willing to make any reasonable abatement in the price of the canvas, as it is not considered so good as the sample. The plague is bad again at Gosport, and not so well at Portsmouth. Is troubled to see the poor pressed carpenters, who have no quarters to go to, their landlords and landladies having left the town, and locked up their houses. To clear them would be a means to preserve them for a future time, but to keep them on hazards their total loss; 300 men of all sorts, lodging and dwelling in the town, come into the yard to work; the sailmaker and several more belonging to the yard are shut up. The pest-house is almost full. Three of Sir Jeremy Smith's ships are put back for repairs. Only one at a time can be in the dock, which is a great inconvenience. The Golden Lion shall be delivered up to the Royal Company. Hears guns going to the westward; what the occasion is time will declare. Upon a pitiful complaint from eight of the carpenters, has discharged them, they being all in a house where one person has died of the plague. The Expedition is in port. [*Adm. Paper*, 3 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

92. I. *Receipt by Ben Johnson of one New England mast delivered from the Black Cock per account of Comr. Taylor.* *Portsmouth, March* 21, 1666.

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92. II. *Receipt, by Anthony Stratton, of 156 cwt. 2 qrs. of stockfish delivered into the victualling stores.*
*Portsmouth, April* 21, 1666.

92. III. *Certificate, by H. Salesbury and Capt. John Tinker, that the West country canvas lately delivered is less in value by 3d. per yard than the pattern contracted for.*
*Portsmouth, April* 28, 1666.

92. IV. *Certificate, by Edw. Byland, of the dimensions and quality of Capt. Taylor's bowsprit.* *April* 28, 1666.

92. V. *Account, by Ben. Johnson, of goods received from the St. John Baptist of Hamburg Feb. 5, and three casks of twine April 21, with memorandum of 90 lasts of tar in store.* *Portsmouth, April* 28, 1666.

April 29. 93, 94. Accounts delivered by Mr. Borroughs of chest money due upon 29 ships named, up to July 31, 1665, 2,078*l.* 12*s.*; and from August 1, 1665, to March 31, 1666, 1,913*l.* 12*s.* Two papers. [*Adm. Papers, 2½ pages.*]

April 29. Plymouth. 95. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Another Swedish ship is arrived, laden with masts and deals. If there be no occasion for such goods for the King's service, asks leave to buy them before they fall into other hands and cost dearer. Has never been able to buy to the value of 10 groats on the King's account, except for ready money, without his own engagement. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 29. Portsmouth. 96. Capt. John Tinker to Sam. Pepys. Gives an exact account of what was acted by Capt. Wood and his master, the day the Henrietta sailed from Spithead. The blame must all lie upon the captain, who, knowing he had a drunken master, went not upon the deck himself; of the six months' time the ship was in port, he was four months absent. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

April 30. Yarmouth. 97. Thos. Goose, purser of the Sweepstakes, to the Navy Comrs. Though all the victuals are prepared, and part of them on board, can get no money from Thos. Clark, Mr. Gauden's agent, for necessaries for the ship. With note from Capt. Fras. Saunders, certifying the truth of the purser's report, and stating the boatswain's wants of an anchor, buoy ropes, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. Yarmouth. 98. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges a bill of imprest for 1,350*l.* towards payment of the last cordage. Whoever reported that it came in pieces of coils could not have seen it; possibly five or six coils may have been found cut, but that can be no prejudice, when all sizes and lengths are used. Hopes Capt. Taylor has had directions to receive it by weight. The vessels now at Harwich with the cordage can bring back cables for the Milkmaid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. Ostend. 99. Ben. Glanville to the Navy Comrs. Sends by Capt. Watson, of the Mermaid, the anchor and two cables belonging to the Martin. Has directed Capt. Watson, on his arrival, to acquaint the Surveyor of the Navy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 30. Tower Hill. 100. D. Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Sixty tuns of beer sent down for the Thomas and Joseph are not yet taken on board, for want of hands. Begs that men may be appointed to take in provision as soon as it is sent, and commanders required to give notice when their ships are in a condition to receive it, so that demurrage and injury may be avoided. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. Tower Hill. 101. D. Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Every endeavour is used in sending away beer and water to the fleet. Sufficient supplies can be given, if convoys be afforded for that which is laden at remote ports. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. Dover. 102. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The charge for ballast sent into the Downs, is 6*d.* per ton and 3*s.* freight. Has been obliged to supply Capt. Fras Courtenay with 50 tons of hallast for the Guildde Ruiter, and pay 8*l.* 15*s.* for it, because such vessels are pressed to carry victuals to the navy, and nothing but ready money will make them go. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. Bristol. 103. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Desires an order for launching the new frigate, and to know her name; asks to have the building of what pinnaces or other boats she may require. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. 104. Account by Andrew Boult and John Milton of cask delivered at Tower Wharf during the month of April; 980 tons and 2,296 iron hoops. [*Adm. Paper, 2 sheets.*]

April 30. 105. Certificate by the Masters of the Trinity House that John Waters, of Ratcliff, is fit to take charge as master of any victualling ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. The King to the Brewers' Company of London. Recommends Josiah Child, merchant of London, who has done faithful service in supplying the navy with beer, and has bought a brewhouse in Southwark to brew for the household and navy, for admission as a free brother of the Company, for the same fine as the late Timothy Alsop, the King's brewer paid. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 89.]

April 30. Blank pass for a ship to come out of Holland to England, and to return again. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 81.]

April ? 106. Petition of Alexander Standish to the King, for a grant of the small prize vessel Vreede, or Peace, of Flushing, now lying in the Thames; served the late King, and was captain of a troop of horse at Dunkirk, yet since his recall, has had many promises, but no employment.

April 30. Warrant to the Comrs. of Prizes to order the Sub-Comrs. for the port of London to deliver the ship Peace of Flushing to Col. Alexander Standish, as the King's free gift. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 81.]

April 30. Barber Surgeons' Hall. 107. Ri. Wiseman and Thos. Hollier to Lord Arlington. Had they known Mr. Solby's grievance two months ago, they might have helped him off with his medicines on hand, but now most of

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the surgeons have gone to their ships; will pay him for medicines formerly received, and try to persuade the rest of the surgeons to furnish with him, although they are allowed, by order of the Council, to fit with whom they please.

April 30. 108. List, by Serjeant Roger Harsnett, of 27 peers who sat upon the trial of Lord Morley, Monday, April 30, 1666.

April 30. 109. Memorandum that on the said trial, the 27 peers present decided that depositions of persons deceased, taken on oath before the coroner, were not to be admitted evidence against the prisoner. [*Afterwards overruled.*]

April 30. 110. Copy of the above.

April 30. 111. Account of the transactions preparatory to and attending the trial of Thomas Parker Lord Morley and Monteagle, for the murder of Hen. Hastings, gentleman, at a court erected for the purpose in Westminster Hall. [9 *pages.*]

April 30. 112. Account of Lord Morley's trial, when he was brought in guilty of manslaughter but not of murder, the evidence proving that the assault upon Hastings was made in self-defence, on a quarrel. [*Draft by Williamson*, 18 *pages.*]

April 30. 113. Copy of the above, omitting the depositions of the witnesses. 12 *pages.*]

[April 30.] 114. "Lord Morley's trial. The evidence, as managed by the King's counsel, given me by Mr. Lee, of the Temple." Endorsement by Williamson to five sheets of evidence, given on the trial.

April ? 115. Petition of Richard Grumwell, Hen. Dighton, and the rest of the owners of the George of Bristol, to the Duke of York, for payment of 650*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* due to them for 10 months' service of the said ship, which was cast away by foul weather at Padstow in Cornwall; were at great charge to equip her, and have waited eight weeks in London to recover their said freight. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April ? 116. Petition of Sir Thos. Daniell to the King, for a grant of lands in Foston, Yorkshire, discovered by him, to be escheated to the Crown for want of heirs of Ralph Foston, paying a fitting rent. Obtained at great expense a grant of lands in Nottinghamshire, and it was then discovered that King James had granted away the remainder of those lands. Served His Majesty and his Royal father to his own ruin.

April ? 117. Petition of Sir John Monson, guardian for the Earl of Mulgrave, to the King, to appoint a frigate about Whitby for security of trade, and to convoy alums into the Thames and the materials for making them to Whitby. Has contracted with the alum farmers to deliver them 1,200 tons yearly, but the enemy's capers lie continually about Whitby in hopes of booty, hinder trade, and obstruct the fishing.

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April. 118. Petition of John Wright, John Cromwell, and two other prisoners in Newark, to the King, for release; were committed 2½ years ago by the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, though they never broke the peace, and have remained there ever since, without being called before any magistrate.

April. 119. Petition of some of the Servants in the inferior offices of the Household to the King, for their board wages during the year of suspension, as already granted to the upper servants, being most of them very poor.

April? 120. Warrant for a grant to Jos. Williamson of the place of Clerk of the Council, for his services to Lord Arlington.

April. Memoranda [made by Williamson from the Signet books] of warrants, grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Grant to Sir Jos. Hinton of the office of Physician in ordinary, with 100*l.* annuity.

Note that there are six under-marshals who wait daily at the gate of the Court, and have 10*s.* a day among them, out of the treasury chamber.

Note that the wages and board-wages of the nine coachmen of the King and Queen are increased from 2*s.* 6*d.* to 4*s.* a day, to be for themselves, postilions, and assistants.

Note that Goldsborough, clerk of the House of Commons, had a sum given him by the King, as usual, for his diligence and attendance there.

Grant to Arthur Hewett of the office of Surveyor of stables at Reading.

Grant to Lanc. Perrot, on surrender of —— Wallis, of the office of Weigher and Teller of the Mint.

Grant for 31 years, in reversion after —— Weckerlin, of the sole printing of several school books. [*Domestic Corresp., Jan.* 1666, *Vol.* 146, *No.* 81.]

April. Whitehall. 121. The King to the Duke of York. Being dissatisfied with the proceedings of the King of Denmark, authorizes him to order the arresting and detaining of all Danish ships in the ports of the kingdom, and the seizing and bringing in of such as shall hereafter be met at sea.

April? Dover. 122. Thos. White to Sir Wm. Penn and Sam. Pepys. Account of money spent in helping out the Golden Phœnix; but for instant means taken, the ship must have grounded. Will never again run the like hazard of working a ship without officers. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

122. I. *Thos White to Sir Wm. Penn and Sam. Pepys. Gives full particulars of the danger apprehended to the Golden Phœnix, and the means used for her rescue.* [*Copy.*] *Oct.* 30, 1665.

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April. 123. Account of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, received at Dover during the months of March and April. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

April? 124. Names of nine ships for which the clerk of Surgeons' Hall requires bills. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[April.] 125. List of Mrs. Pley's bills assigned upon the chamber of London from 26th Sept. 1665 to April 1666, amounting to 8,541*l.* 14*s.* 6½*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

[April.] 126. Report of loans from the stores at Dover and Deal to merchant ships, Jan. to April 1666. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

April? 127. Memoranda [by Arlington] relating to correspondence with a suspected person abroad; the present state of the sickness in the fleet, increase of it in London; new levies; great discontents, &c.; with queries as to the state of the [French] troops on their coast; what their attempts are likely to be; where the chief troops lie; how strong are the garrisons at Dunkirk, Mardike, and Gravelines, &c.

April. 128. List of the King's ships as divided into the Admiral's squadron, the White squadron, and the Blue squadron.

April? 129. Note by the Earl of Carbery of the King's approval of Wm. Basset instead of Sir R. Basset, Walter Vaughan instead of George Hayward, and Richard Wynne instead of Wm. Wynne, as Deputy Lieutenants respectively of cos. Glamorgan, Pembroke, and Denbigh.

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May 1. 1. Note by [James Hickes] of the addresses of four letters sent franked with Mr. Muddiman's, April 26 and May 1, but not of his writing nor seal, Mr. Cook ordering the packet of Muddiman's letters to go free as formerly.

May 1. 2. Report by Sir Edw. Turner,—on the petition of Sir Hen. Wroth, as lord of the manors of Loughton and Chigwell, Essex, belonging to Waltham Forest, for leave to improve and enclose, by consent of the tenants, 1,500 out of the 4,000 acres of common thereabouts,—that the King having no revenue there, his interest is in the herbage for the feed and covert of the deer, which will not be injured by enclosing the ground with hedges from the rest of the common, the enclosures being made according to the forest laws.

May 1. Whitehall. Sec. Morice to Col. Richard Norton, at Southwick, near Portsmouth. The King, fearing the evils that may ensue upon the spreading of the plague at Portsmouth, and wishing to provide that none perish for want of relief, orders that if it should so increase as that the inhabitants are unable to maintain the

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poor infected persons, rates should be laid on the neighbouring country, and all other good courses taken that may alleviate the misery of the sufferers, and hinder the contagion from spreading. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 89.]

May 1. The King to [the Fellows of Exeter College, Oxford]. Recommends them especially to admit Arthur Bury, M.A., as rector, Dr. Joseph Maynard having resigned, on account of his infirm condition and of the great distance from his benefice. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 90.]

May 1. Portsmouth. 3. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has no malignity against the master of the Henrietta; only informed against him from a sense of duty; a great complaint is made of the new sails in Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron; the sickness is at Farham, but decreases in Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 1 The Fairfax, Buoy of the Nore. 4. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges 15,000*l.* received; has paid off seven ships named; can neither get books nor hear of the pursers of many of the smaller ships; pursers in general are very negligent of their duties, and will continue so if some severe course be not taken to chase them from their conclave at London. *Encloses,*

4. 1. *Capt. Peter Bowen to Sir John Mennes. Thos. Salmon, purser of the Matthias, resolves not to come near the ship any more, by reason of his great debts to the men; he has not left so much as a sea book behind him, whereby to prove the discharge, death, or runaway of any of the crew. The Matthias,* [*April*] 30, 1666.

May 1. Tower. 5. Sir John Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Wm. Pattison, late master of the Abraham prize, about to be discharged, for employment according to his merit. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 2. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 6. Jas. Hayes, secretary to Prince Rupert, to Sam. Pepys. Is commanded to enquire what ships have been sheathed, belonging to the fleet; account of ships now at the Nore; the Revenge and four others, sent to cruise about the Texel, have returned, bringing a Dutch pink and dogger-boat as prizes; a great fleet of Dutch merchants are returning home by Ireland, for whose convoy twelve men-of-war are sent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 2. 7. Capt. George Erwin to the Navy Comrs. Gives an account of the state of readiness of seven Gottenburg ships in or near Long-reach, three prize ships at Deptford, two vessels in Limehouse reach, and two vessels at Limehouse. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 2. Victualling Office, Tower Hill. 8. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. For want of victualling vessels at Ipswich and Harwich, is obliged to load provisions for the fleet at the Nore in any fitting ships that can be taken up; the Olive Branch and Rose so laden refuse to sail, pretending they want men, though they were manned when taken up; begs that they may be ordered to proceed forthwith to the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 2. Victualling Office, Tower Hill. 9. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Complains of the loss of time, demurrage, and damage sustained by ships refusing to receive the proportion of beer they are given in for; has been obliged to appoint beer to some of the water ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 2. 10. Account of stores demanded for the Tiger, by Thos. Smith, boatswain. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 2. 11. Report by Ben. Matthews, carpenter, of damage incurred to the said ship, by great shot. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 2. Whitehall. 12. Petition of Lawrence Clarke, prisoner in Hertford, to the King, for pardon and leave to devote his life to His Majesty's service. Was accused as an offender of the laws, and found guilty last Hertford summer assizes, but reprieved, because Lord Chief Justice Bridgeman deemed him innocent; still suffers cruel imprisonment, in double irons, though capable to serve in any honourable employment. With reference thereon to Lord Chief Justice Bridgeman, and his report, May 7, in favour of the petitioner, as he has certificates of good character, and the offence,—that of robbing a carrier,—was probably committed by a notorious robber of the same name, who, on his execution, cleared the petitioner.

May 2. Warrant to the Comrs. of Prizes to order payment of 400*l.* each to Sir Hum. Bennet and three other [Sub-Comrs.] during the continuance of their employment in the port of Portsmouth. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 83.]

May 2. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 13. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. The Duke thanks him for his letters; sends a list of 82 ships now under the Admirals' direction, 59 of which are there or at Chatham and Sheerness, and with Capt. Elliott in Ouseley Bay; seven that were with Sir Jeremiah Smith have gone to Sheerness to clear.

May 2. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 14. Jas. Hayes to Williamson. Details of their ships and those of Sir Jeremy Smith. All things are well with them, the admirals vigilant, officers and soldiers cheerful, the fleet healthy, and nobody disheartened, though the Danes are adding twenty of their best men-of-war to the Dutch navy. English courage encreases with danger; thinks they will not change their station till more ships are come up. [1½ *pages.*]

May 2. 15. W. H[aglet to Chris. Sanderson]. Wm. Langstaffe boasts much of his intimacy with Justice Robinson, and says the justice is as favourable to fanatics as he dares be, and blames [Sanderson] for putting the laws into execution against friends. He says Robinson is sure to join any plot for deliverance, as he offered his best horse against the cavaliers, when, in 1648, Sir Marmaduke Langdale came in with Duke Hamilton; he would be dangerous in a rebellion, but loves the pot and pipe too well for a soldier; he never disturbs the quakers' assemblies in his division. John Cock, of Raby Castle, is a subtle, dangerous person, and courts the fanatics; he has the disposal of Lady Vane's estate, is her steward, keeps her courts,

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and holds courts at Barnard Castle and Staindrop. He says he would hold the candle to the devil to gain his own ends. The fanatics think him a great politician, and in case of rising or invasion, the only leading man in those parts. Chris. Eyon says it must soon be a King and no state, or a state and no King, for there will be an invasion before August. He corresponds with Holland, and also with Leonard Robinson, of London, brother of Justice Robinson, which Leonard is a great fanatic. Thinks they knew of the plot of 1663. Particulars of Eyon's sending goods to Jas. Ward, of Amsterdam, which were seized, but re-delivered on attestation of Justice Robinson. Rob. Bolton, of Darlington, John and Fras. Percival, and John Loadman, of Bowes, are dangerous persons. Hears of no intention of action at present; his cousin Gower is out from gaol on a 500*l.* bond. Wm. Hubord, *alias* Lowden, a plotter in Westmoreland in 1663, has been privately kept there ever since; hopes soon to gain more acquaintance with him. Endorsed "Intelligence from Durham." [3 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

15. I. *List of* 36 *dangerous persons in the north of England, including those mentioned in the preceding letters, and notes relating to several of them.* [3 *pages.*]

May 2. 16. Copy of the above letter, with marginal notes [by Williamson]. [2 *pages.*]

May 3. London. 17. Gilbert Thomas, marshal, to Lord Arlington. Finds that Padshall in the Gatehouse is guilty of most of the charge; if he be kept close prisoner, he may, by means of his wife, discover where Allen, *alias* Blood, lodges, or Joannes, *alias* Mene Tekel. Met with Col. Parsons, belonging to Daniel's regiment in the rebellion; asks if he is to be secured. Hopes to light on Major Hierome Carew.

May 3. 18. Thos. Bedford to Williamson. Wants Lord Arlington's seal to inhibitions touching the St. Anne of St. Sebastian, and the Friendship.

May $\frac{3}{13}$. Brussels. 19. Nic. Arthur to Lord Arlington. Asks instructions how to treat with parties. Is pressed to confer with Ludlow. Asks how he should act as to overtures made by some of his countrymen to the French King. Thinks it must be busy prelates, a generation whom it is resolved to avoid, or other uncommissioned persons, who have sounded how he may be disposed if further addresses were made. Mr. Sylvas has reported their transactions at the Hague. Came to Brussels to receive and send his letters safely, dreading Nipho. Asks whether the Duke employed Neville, an ejected Jesuit, to attempt some prejudice to the Dutch; if so, will execute it himself, if possible, the man being discovered and thus disabled. Is going to Holland. Wants money, having been at great charges. The gentlemen sent with him must be strictly warned not to blab; will be undone if they do. Will so act that Lord Ossory and Mr. Hamilton need not be ashamed of their countryman. Relies on his lordship to free him from suffering long, in case a misfortune happens. [3 *pages.*]

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May 3. The King to the Duke of York. Being resolved to resent the many wrongs received from the King of Denmark, and to issue shortly a declaration of war against him, directs him to order all ships of war to send into English ports all ships and vessels belonging to Denmark, and all Danish ships in the ports of England and Ireland to be detained. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 185.]

May 3. Warrant to the Lord Chamberlain to swear in George Tomlins to the office of King's writer, flourisher, and embellisher. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 82.]

May 3. Warrant to the Commissioners of Ordnance to deliver to John Flavel [Fowell], governor of Dartmouth Castle, four barrels of powder. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 22, *p.* 83.]

May 3. Whitehall. 20. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer of prize goods, to pay to John Fowell, governor of Dartmouth Castle and Blockhouse, 280*l.* 10*s.* as pay for himself and soldiers, and other necessary provisions for the castle.

May 3. London. Levant Company to Capt. Chamblet and others, at Messina. On their complaints of great expenses, and their bills for 400*l.* charged thither, have decided that an extra demurrage of one fifth more than before allowed shall be paid by the laders of goods, and any bills they have drawn or may draw shall be paid by the owners, not the company. This demurrage is only granted in case they comply with orders to wait for a convoy or further direction. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 137.]

May 3. London. Levant Company to Consul Cave. Order the 342 dollars deposited in Cancellaria on account of damage done by Capt. Rand to Rich. Peckett's cloth, to be paid to Rich. Uvedale, Peckett's correspondent, on security to save the Company harmless, Rand not having moved therein. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* v., *p.* 138.]

May 3. Papers relating to the Desire smack; [*Adm. Papers*], viz:—

21. Capt. Wm. Badiley to the Navy Comrs. Reports his survey of the Desire of Barking, and three other ships.
Nov. 10, 1664.

22. Certificate by Sir Thos. Allin of the discharge of John Anderson, master of the Desire, transferred to the Royal Katherine. Royal James, Dec. 31, 1665.

23. Sea-book of John Anderson, master, with affidavit by John Andrews, mariner of Barking, of the correctness of the entries. April 26, 1666.

24. Edw. Sherburne and Fras. Nicholls to Sir Geo. Carteret. John Anderson has delivered his remaining gunner's stores and given account of the expenditure.
Ordnance Office, May 3, 1666.

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May 3. Ordnance Office. 25. Edw. Sherburne and Fras. Nicholls to Sir Geo. Carteret. James Wardell, master of the Sea Venture smack, has delivered his remaining gunner's stores, and given account of his expenditure. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 3. Chatham. 26. Capt. Charles O'Bryen to Sam. Pepys. Requests payment of 4*l.* 10*s.* charges, and also of press money and victualling money, whilst in the dock at Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 3. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 27. Sir Wm. Clarke to the Navy Comrs. The Duke of Albemarle has appointed a convoy for the Maybolt hoy, but desires them in future to apply to Sir Wm. Coventry, who has ships that may better be spared than those under the admirals. Wants more of the Articles of War. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4. 28. Note, by Denis Gauden, of 121 tons of provisions, ready at Milford to be sent by Capt. Rich. Teate in the Friezland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4. Edwinstow, Sherwood. 29. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Asks an order for removing the Adam and Eve hoy to Stockwith, and whether she is to be repaired; wants money for her weighing and land carriage; the last 125*l.* sent was due to the workmen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4. Plymouth. 30. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships despatched and in readiness. The Nightingale has taken a Dutch caper and French frigate off Scilly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4. Yarmouth. 31. Thos. Stollard, of the Milkmaid, to the Navy Comrs. The cables ordered from Harwich have not arrived; asks for two small guns to defend the ship, and some muskets to give notice to convoys by night. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 32. Duke of Albemarle to Sir Wm. Penn. Of the three tierce and one hogshead of wine sent from the Governor of Guernsey in the Elizabeth pink, part has been drunk out, and the rest spoiled with putting in salt water. Desires the master's payment for freight to be stopped until satisfaction be given. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4. 33. Petition of Anne Desborough to the King, for release of her husband, and compensation for his sufferings in His Majesty's service. He cannot get a hearing, in spite of an order from King and Council, that he should be examined by the Duke of Albemarle and Lord Arlington.

May 4. Pembroke. 34. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. Details of the capture of a Dutch and a French prize, by Capt. Young, of the Adventure; they were intended for Plymouth, but brought into Milford. Will write every week; no letters are sent by post to or from the captains. With note [by Hickes] that Sir Phil. Frowde has called Capt. Lloyd to account for the late defective delivery of Carmarthen and Pembroke letters; that a person should be fixed upon for receipt and delivery of letters, as they are longer in coming from Pembroke than in going to and coming from Plymouth.

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May 4. 35. Note [by Jas. Hickes] of the addresses of nine letters directed to John Cooke, secretary to Sir Wm. Morice, Principal Secretary of State, by direction of Mr. Muddiman, April 30 and May 2 and 4.

May 4. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 36. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Thanks for his letter, and Mr. Williamson's care to send all the news. Hears that the Dutch fleet will not be ready for a month, and theirs will be ready in three weeks. Is glad that Lord Holles is sent for home. Will send a frigate from the Downs to convey the ship with Lady Arlington's baggage; but the master must have an order, when a frigate lies before the harbour and shoots three guns, to join her. There are now 54 ships in the Nore, 5 in the Downs, and 13 at Sheerness and Chatham.

May 4. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 37. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. The King and Duke of York are gone to-day to Chatham; sends a list of the ships there, and how the others are disposed of. At a court martial on board the Royal Charles, Wm. Fyler, late gunner of the Matthias, was cashiered that ship, and sent foremast-man on board the Helverson, for coming in drunk, and firing his cabin by making trial of some fireworks. *Encloses,*

37. I. *List of ships in the buoy of the Nore, at Chatham, and Sheerness, in the Thames, in the Downs, and other ports, &c.* *May* 4, 1666.

May 5. Buoy of the Nore. 38. Prince Rupert to Lord Arlington. Having only a moment, will assure him of his service by Lord Ossory.

May 5. Whitehall. 39. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to admit Rob. Nutt as serjeant of the pantry, in place of Fras. Cobb, anything in the late book to the contrary notwithstanding.

May 5. 40. Roger L'Estrange to Williamson. Is satisfied that his proofs against Page and Johnson are short as ground for an indictment, so that to avoid clamour, they should be discharged on bail. Hopes such aid from one of them as will countervail the grant of his liberty. The wretches are under Wickham's charge, and they would be glad for Lord Arlington, who approves this notion, to be reminded of the business.

May 5. Ipswich. 41. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of the receipts and issues for April; the provisions ordered for the buoy of the Nore are nearly all shipped. Will soon want casks; expects some when the Flamborough fleet arrives. Has six sail of frigates at Harwich to victual. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

41. I. *Schedule of letters of credit for provisions, granted by Andrew Crawley to ten ships in the port of Ipswich, in April.*

May 5. 42. Bill of lading of the Love hoy with timber from Stockwith; total, 51 loads. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 5. 43. Account of Capt. John Proud's expenses in surveying 24 merchant ships employed in the King's service; total, 3*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 5. 44. John Ruffhead to the Navy Comrs. Entreats a warrant to Mr. Bradly, to deliver the two great anchors for the Victory at Deptford, and receive his bill there for them, instead of at Chatham, according to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 5. London. 45. Josiah Child to the Navy Comrs. Entreats a convoy for his ship Lady, freighted to fetch the New England masts contracted for, now cleared from the Custom House, and waiting at Gravesend to depart. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 5. Dover. 46. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has to pay the same price for freight of ballast as the victuallers pay, 3*s.* per ton; it is hard to get a vessel for the purpose, all being employed to carry victuals; Has to deliver 58 tons to the Guildde Ruiter; writes the captain that his own boat must fetch it; he answers that his men are not to be trusted on land, or he should lose boat and men; will not furnish it without orders; the Cygnet is come into port to victual and clean. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 5. The Rupert. Buoy of the Nore. 47. James Phillipps, steward, to Robt. Smith, Navy Office, Tower Hill. The captain is "wrathfully angry" with Mr. Cowley about the pork and butter provided; both must be exchanged at London; he is also offended that a sea book was not provided; the 336 men are on board; expects others. Hopes Mr. Cowley will hasten to the Nore, lest there be "friends made against him there," and that he will not be long detained at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 6. Plymouth. 48. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Tiger has arrived with a French prize, laden with brandy and wines; on the 1st of May, she met a Dutch man-of-war of 40 guns, who endeavoured to board her, but after two or three broadsides, fell off and ran; Capt. Pett and four others are slain, and 18 wounded; the ship is much torn. Men are wanted for the Constant Warwick. Cannot obtain a perfect book of entries and discharges from the pursers of the Elizabeth and Sorlings. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 6. Portsmouth Dockyard. 49. Comr. Thos. Middleton to [Sam. Pepys]. Will not discharge the carpenters until after the spring tide, so as to hasten the dispatch of ships in port; the poor men are willing to stay, even if they quarter in a sawpit in the yard. Has promised to lend brimstone from the stores, for the present use of the Golden Lion. The Essex sails from Spithead, to convoy vessels to the Nore. The plague decreases; there are not above three or four deaths in a week. Many have the distemper and recover. "In Farham it is hot, four in one house well, sick, and dead in four hours." At Gosport, it has broken out afresh; the people now make tents out of town, or lie in any barns or hovels they can get. [*Adm. Paper*, 2¼ *pages.*] *Encloses,*

49. 1. *Certificate by Sir Jer. Smith, of the defective state of the sails in his squadron.* *The Mary, May* 2, 1666.

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49. II. *Certificate by Sir Jer. Smith and Wm. Noble, of the failure of three new sails, used by the boatswain of the Mary, during the expedition to the Straits.*
*The Mary, May* 2, 1666.

May 6. Plymouth. 50. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Sends his accounts of disbursements upon the Elizabeth and Sorlings. The Giles ketch is now in hand. The Tiger is arrived, with a prize of 200 tons burden. Particulars of her engagement with a Dutch caper, the lieutenant of which wanted his men to board, thinking those on the Tiger would be drunk with wines taken from their prize, but the men dared not board; Capt. Pett was the first man slain; he is much lamented; the ship has received 52 shot in the hull, and lost many of her small masts. May 5 and 6. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 6. 51. Robt. Smith to Sam. Pepys. Thinks Thos. Salisbury and Wm. Heeley sufficient securities for 300*l.* in behalf of Fras. Mortimer, purser of the Royal Charles hired ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 7. 52. Request for a messenger's warrant to bring up Thos. Teeton, of Denton, co. Northampton, a convicted deer stealer in Saulcy Forest. The Earl of Northampton, as deputy keeper of the hawks for the Earl of Carnarvon, had ordered his gun to be taken away by Wm. James and Rob. Draper, and Teeton, in contempt of prerogative, sues James and Draper at common law.

May 7. 53. Leonard Williams to Lord Arlington. There is a design in agitation in the persons formerly mentioned; they meet once or twice a week in Southwark, but act so closely and cunningly that time and place cannot be ascertained. With money to live on and pay the charges of two men, will watch for them, but cannot continue there without money.

May 7. 54. Petition of James Buck to the King for relief; served in the rising of the West, in Sir George Booth's action, &c.; a lease of Kennington manor, Lambeth, was promised him at the earnest request of the Duke of Ormond, but it had been given before to Lord Arundel; he was then promised a place as groom of the privy chamber to the Queen, and provided clothes, &c., but others were put in instead.

May 7. 55. Petition of Elinor Carnaby, widow, on behalf of herself and daughters Grace and Elinor, to the King, for a pension from the customs at Newcastle, or other relief. Her first husband, Ralph Carnaby of Halton, Northumberland, raised and maintained two troops of horse for the late King, and was twice forced to compound for his estate; her second husband, Sir Thos. Carnaby, was murdered by a soldier at York, leaving his family destitute.

May 7. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 56. Certificate by Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, that on trial of Capt. Rich. Minors, lieutenant of the Old James under the late Earl of Marlborough, at a court martial, May 3, he was not

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found guilty of want of courage or non-performance of duty, in his engagement with the Dutch on 3rd June 1665, but that Opdam was blown up before the Earl of Marlborough was killed. [*Copy.*]

May 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of Catherine Boynton, for a grant of the money due on a bond of 1,000*l.*, forfeited by Mr. Collins of Norwich, for delinquency, His Majesty having promised to grant her a sum to that value, when she could find an occasion to present her request. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 204.]

May 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Edw. Walker for Eleanor, daughter of the late Sir Edward Villiers, to have the same precedence as though her father had lived, to succeed Sir Oliver St. John, his near kinsman, as Viscount Grandison. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 186.]

May 7. Warrant to the keeper of New Prison to deliver Dixy Paige and Thomas Johnson to the custody of John Wickham, messenger. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 83.]

May 7. Warrant for the Earl of Northampton to be gamekeeper within 12 miles of Castle Ashby. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 83.]

May 7. Warrant to [John] Bradley to apprehend Whitebread for treasonable practices. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 84.]

May 7. Warrant to pay to George Cartwright 800*l.* for the use of the Commissioners employed for the visitation of the colonies in New England. [*Docquet.*]

May 7. Nomination of Percival Stanney to be carrier of the King's letters, with allowance of 10*s.* a day, from the profits of the post office. [*Docquet.*]

May 7. 57. Memoranda, [by Williamson], from advices received during the week :—

Plymouth, May 4: A French sloop took two vessels before Dartmouth, but boats were manned out which retook them. The Sorlings is gone to fetch in a ship from Jamaica, having 50,000*l.* worth of gold and plate for the King and Duke of York's tenths and fifteenths of prizes taken about those islands; she was chased by two pickeroons, but being mistaken for a frigate, was left.

Bridgewater, May 5: French capers have taken two small vessels off Land's End.

Newcastle, May 4: The colliers from Lynn have arrived, and 20 more are expected.

Weymouth, May 5: The Nonsuch saved a Swedish ship, bringing wines from Bourdeaux to London, which ran upon a rock.

Minehead, May 3: 11 or 12 barks, with the Fox frigate, have sailed for Ireland.

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Bristol, May 5: The Sapphire brought four prizes into Castlehaven, and did much hurt to a Dutch man-of-war; 123 Dutch prisoners are sent from Bristol to Chepstow Castle.

Barnstaple, May 4: 40 or 50 Dutch capers are waiting the Virginia fleet; one of them took a vessel laden with masts from New England.

Pembroke, April 26: The Adventure has brought in two prizes and sent two to Plymouth.

Lynn, May 3: 40 or 50 sail, some say 100 or 150, were discovered, seemingly bound for the Straits. [1¼ *pages.*]

May 7. 58. Thos. Perrin to the Navy Comrs. The bowsprit of Mr. Johnson's new ship at Blackwall is too small. Asks whether another is to be provided, or a fish is to serve. Mr. Johnson will not garnish the upper tier of ports with carved work, according to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 7. 59. Robt. Smith to Sam. Pepys. Wm. Miller, of Colchester, and James Lane, of St. Clement's Inn, are sufficient securities for 300*l.*, in behalf of Samuel Martin, purser of the London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 7. 60. Geo. Solby to [Pepys]. Begs payment of freight money due since August 1664, to Nath. Doggett of the Reserve. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 7. Tower. 61. Jonas Moore to Sam. Pepys. The crane at Chatham cost in all 150*l.*; does not approve of it; advises if it be re-built, that it be made like that on the Tower wharf. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 7. Dover. 62. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. The victualling agents were in debt for provisions at his first coming to Dover. The people were then fearful lest Mr. Gauden should die, and the agents not be able to pay their creditors. Has hitherto waived his instructions to enquire the amount of these debts. If Mr. Gauden were ordered his money monthly, as it grows due, for victuals in each port, it would oblige him to let the surveyors overlook his ledgers more carefully. If he be in debt to his contractors, the money could be stopped; the knowledge of his contracts would give some light as to his profits. The victualler's agent giving no accounts of provisions issued, the surveyor cannot prevent pursers from taking provisions for more men than are on board. To prevent victuallers buying such stores, no indents nor letters of credit should be accepted, without the surveyor's hand to certify the same. Asks an order to muster the ships in the Downs, in order to ascertain the number of men borne upon each. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

May 7. Dover. 63. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Proposes plans for ascertaining the exact debtor and creditor account of each victualler and purser, every time each ship victuals. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

May 7. 64. Account of money due for the hire of labourers to lade the Golden Falcon, a victualler, with beer; total, 6*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 7. Edwinstow. 65. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. The Love hoy and Black Dog are laden with timber from Stockwith. Will try this spring tide to turn the Adam and Eve; the delay is for want of blocks and hawsers to make tackle with. Lord Byron refuses to fell any more trees, having so much timber and plank still lying at Gunthorp, which he knows not how to get to Stockwith. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 8. Dieppe. 66. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Advises the arrival of goods at Ostend; begs that Thos. White may have orders to receive the same at the hands of Adrian Vanderhague, merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 8. The Guernsey, Harwich. 67. Capt. T. Fisher to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has been hindered nearly two tides for want of a pilot from Deal; they shifted it off from one to another, saying the allowance of 30*s.* would be spent in returning by land; asks directions about his victualling; in the expectance of approaching action, hopes not to be retarded for want of necessary provisions. The officers and poor men again beg the advancement of at least part of their arrears; is ashamed to reiterate the request; "instead of a young commander, is rendered an old beggar." [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 8. Portsmouth Dockyard. 68. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Does not know the name of the master of the Henrietta, his face, qualifications, nor anything more or less of him, except his miscarriage in laying the ship aground; if he is not a drunkard, his captain, who more than once or twice has complained of his drunkenness, has done him an injury; believes the captain is as much in fault as the master; had the ship been aground at high water, or with half the wind that sometimes blows, she had been lost; whether she was there half an hour, or two, or six hours, cannot lessen or increase the error. The Mary Rose is arrived, with ten vessels in convoy, bringing a Dutch prize, laden with wines. Augur-bits and hack saws are much wanted. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*] *Encloses,*

68. I. *Certificate, by Capt. John Tinker, of his never having seen the master of the Henrietta except on board the ship, but being told by Capt. Wood that he was a drunkard.* *May* 8, 1666.

May 8. Plymouth. 69. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has caused a survey to be made of the damage sustained by the Tiger. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

69. I. *Report, by John Garratt, boatswain of the hulk, and three others, of the defects occasioned the Tiger, in her late dispute with a Dutch caper; the ship is so much disabled that she cannot be made fit for sea under* 18 *working days.* *May* 8, 1666.

May 8. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate of Cambridge. Requires them to admit William Bayley and William Walker to

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their degrees as Bachelors in Divinity, which they forbore to take during the late disorders, without their performance of the usual exercises. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 90.]

May 8. Whitehall. Warrant to the Navy Comrs. to order the same salary to Anthony Choqueux, appointed surgeon to Prince Rupert as to Doctor Jo. Troutbeck, for his attendance in the fleet. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 91.]

May 8. Whitehall. The King to the Master and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Requests them to suffer William Rawley still to enjoy his fellowship there, notwithstanding that by a pretended interpretation of the statute of the college, he might forfeit it for not having taken deacon's orders before 25th Feb. last. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 91.]

May 8. Commission to Robert Lord Willoughby of Eresby to be Captain of the troop of horse whereof Sir William Blakeston was appointed captain, in the regiment of Montagu Earl of Lindsey. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 97.]

May 8. Blank commissions for lieutenant, cornet, and quartermaster of the same troop. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 97.]

May 8. Like commission to Martin Forster to have Captain Henshaw's troop in the same regiment, with like blank warrant. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 79.]

May 8. Like commission to Adam Claypole to be Captain-lieutenant of the Earl's own troop, with cornet and quartermaster's commissions in blank. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 14. *p.* 97.]

May 8. Warrant to Lewis Dormay, messenger, to seize and apprehend Samuel Speed for dispersing seditious and unlawful books. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 84.]

May 8. 70. Bond of Thos. Johnson, printer of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, and two others, in 500*l.* for his good behaviour, and not composing, printing, nor publishing any seditious or unlicensed book, nor otherwise acting against government, and for his appearance before a Secretary of State when required.

May 8. 71. Like bond for Dixy Page, of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, stationer, and two others, in 500*l.*

May 8. 72. Petition of Robt. Swanley to the Duke of York, for a ship of war for defence of Newfoundland against De Ruyter and his fleet, or for leave to provide such a ship himself, having received much damage there.

May 8. The Fleet. 73. Bold Boughey, warden of the Fleet, to ———. His predecessors, from the time of Richard I., have been keepers of Westminster Palace and Hall, and by virtue of his office, he has power to arrest within Westminster Palace, which is daily done by Exchequer writs; he has also the charge of keeping the courts there, and of erecting new ones, consulting with the surveyor and gentlemen of

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the works, or if they are not to be found, providing other workmen, he being liable to fine and censure in case of neglect. To provide for the expense of this, he has always had the benefit of letting shops, scaffolds, stalls, and standings, and has had the old scaffolds and timber when the courts are at an end; but as during the late times, the wardens have been accounted delinquents, and have not for a long time enjoyed the benefit of their places, sends notes of the patents by which their privileges were granted. On the trial of Lord Morley, waited on the Lord Chamberlain with the gentlemen of the works, to arrange the court, and set many workmen to work, but was opposed by Capt. Christian, a servant of Lord Lindsey's, who pretended a right to build the scaffold, but the Lord High Steward publicly rebuked him, and threatened to lay him by the heels if he meddled any more, whence arose the jest that he was the first arraigned and condemned in that court. Describes the manner in which he and his 20 assistants waited upon the Lord Steward and the King at the trial, marshalling those present to their seats, and afterwards taking down and removing the scaffold. [4 *pages.*]

May 9. 74. Ro. Benson, clerk of assizes at York, to Williamson. Simon Pawson was committed to Newgate for coining, and thence sent to York, but having made a discovery against others, the Judge of Assize has ordered him to be enlarged on bail; the like order is given about Wm. Craven, long a prisoner for coining in Ireland. Has detained them, though very importunate for discharge, to know whether Lord Arlington approves what is done.

May 9. Worcester House. 75. Order in Council that a bill be prepared, empowering the Duke of York to grant letters of marque and reprisal against the King of Denmark and his subjects, as before granted against the states of the United Netherlands.

May 9. 76. Certificate by Sir Thos. Clarges, commissary general of musters, that the establishment for Plymouth, as now entered in the great establishment, was to commence 25 November, from which time the privy seal for payment must commence, but it need not be inserted in the book, which bears date 20 January following. *Annexing,*

76. I. *The King to the Officers of the Exchequer. Seeing the great disadvantages attendant on the slender provisions made for the garrison of Plymouth, and wishing to enlarge them, has appointed two companies for it at the monthly pay of 267l. 3s. 4d. Wishes all governors of garrisons to keep up their full numbers of able-bodied men attending only to the service, and in good discipline, and therefore will pay them regularly, and assigns the charge of Plymouth on customs or excise duties of the county of Devon, authorizing payment of the same to John Earl of Bath, governor of Plymouth.* [*Copy,* 3 *pages; certified Jan.* 8, 1666.] *Westminster, July* 25, 1661.

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May 9. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 77. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Has ordered the Mary Rose to Ostend, to convoy thence his lordship's goods and the 100 Englishmen spoken of there. Agrees with him that a sailing frigate should be appointed to ply before Ostend, but the Duke of York must give the order; no ships can be spared from the fleet, lest it should have to remove speedily, therefore it should be one of the coastguard ships. The Dutch fleet will not be ready yet awhile. If the victualler does his part, hopes to be ready to do the work upon their own coasts. *Encloses,*

77. I. *List of 50 ships in the buoy of the Nore, 11 at Chatham and Sheerness, and 3 in the Downs.* *May* 9, 1666.

May 9. 78. Petition of Henry Thomas to the King, for present supply. Served the late King, the Queen of Bohemia, His Majesty, and all the Royal family. During the late vicissitudes, lost many thousand pounds; has been imprisoned, banished, &c., and is now in his old age reduced to great penury.

May 9. Whitehall. The King to the Governors of Bartholomew's Hospital. It was enjoined formerly on the hospital to pay 40*l.* a year to five singing men officiating in Christ Church, London, but this has been lately discontinued. Approves their having expended 50*l.* out of the arrears of the said 40*l.* in beautifying their church, and authorizes them to apply it in future, with the arrears, to the relief of sick and wounded soldiers and seamen resident in that hospital, till the singing men are again required, rendering an account of the expenditure thereof, as they do or ought to do of all their revenues. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 92.]

May 9. Whitehall. The King to the Keepers of the Dutch prisoners in Bristol. The States of Zealand having liberated two English prisoners, William Geerts and François Swiadegeate, two Zealand prisoners, are forthwith to be set at liberty. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 273.]

May 9. Like warrant to the Marshal of Sudbury, Suffolk, to release five Dutch prisoners named. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 273.]

May 9. Warrants to the Keeper of Newgate to deliver Capt. John Grice, John Beech, and William Goldby, to be sent to the Tower; to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive them; and to ——— to convey them safely thither. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 23 *p.* 84.]

May 9. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Clifford, sen., late envoy to the court of Sweden and Denmark, 1,000*l.*, for his entertainment and expenses. [*Docquet.*]

May 9. Warrant to pay to Major Edw. Wood 300*l.*, of the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

May 9. Yarmouth. 79. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Has received three cables from Harwich for the Milkmaid. Provisions are on board, and she is ready to sail as soon as convoy is appointed. The Sweepstakes is also ready. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 9. Bristol. 80. Nich. Danzie and Abraham Robins, gunner and carpenter of the St. Patrick, to Sir Wm. Penn. The new ship is launched; have about 50 men on board. Ask orders about their victuals and entrance. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 9. Bristol. 81. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. The new frigate St. Patrick is safely launched. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 9. Bristol. 82. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Baylie's ship is safely launched; the boatswain, carpenter, and cook want materials for present use. Begs that some person may be appointed to order the providing of such things as come not within the builder's contract. Mr. Jones's charge for assisting in the sale of provisions at Lydney may amount to 6*l.* Requests a bill for 400*l.* [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

May 9. Yarmouth. 83. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Has, after more than ordinary trouble, brought the Sweepstakes into the road. Waits for provisions. Hopes in five days to sail to the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 9. Trinity House. 84. Masters and Wardens of Trinity House to the Navy Comrs. After conference with Capt. John Cox, Capt. John Pybus of Greenwich is appointed master of the Sovereign. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10. 85. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Has measured the London Merchant; her burden is 385 tons. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10. Portsmouth. 86. John Tippetts to Sam. Pepys. Many ships having been sheathed in other places, can give no account of the time when it was done. The Mary and Newcastle have been sheathed a long time. With a list of 24 ships, and note how long some have had their sheathing. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

86. I. *List of 25 other ships which have been sheathed.*

May 10. The Lion, in the Swale. 87. Capt. John Hubbard to the Navy Comrs. If provisions be not soon sent, must hasten to the fleet without any. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10. Portsmouth Dockyard. 88. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The plague decreases; only four deaths last week; it is reported that the people in the town are wicked enough "to take the plaisters from their sores, and in the night throw them into the windows of fresh houses." Cannot understand the reasons for throwing the defective provisions on board the Mars overboard, especially the butter, which at the worst is useful for something. The defect in the sails is owing to the use of French yarn for bolt ropes. Particulars of ships in dock. [*Adm Paper,* 2 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

88. I. *Certificate by Bart. Capell, and two other officers of the Mars, that in a storm on the 13th of August, the steep-tub was washed overboard, and 110 pieces of pork lost.*
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88. II. *Warrant from Comr. Thos. Middleton to Henry Avis, boatswain of the Galloon hulk, and Edw. Hill, boatswain of the Constant Warwick, to survey the damaged provisions on board the Mars. Portsmouth, Nov. 20, 1665.*

88. III. *Certificate by Henry Avis and Edw. Hill of having made the said survey, and caused the provisions to be thrown overboard as unfit for use. Nov. 22, 1665.*

May 10. Blackwall. 89. Capt. Roht. Robinson, of the Warspite, to the Navy Comrs. The mastmaker requires 14 days to make a bowsprit; asks if a different sort of mast may be supplied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10. Whitehall. 90. J. Sotherne to Sam. Pepys. The victuals provided at Milford are judged not fit for the service of that place. His master proposes that Capt. Rich. Teate should fetch them to Bristol, for furnishing the new ship there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10. 91. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Gives the dimensions of the Two Pilgrims, the Mary, and the St. Jacob. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10. Custom House. 92. Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw, farmers of customs, to the Navy Comrs. Claim tonnage, as per agreement, upon the hired ship Red Fortune, with 60*l.* extra charge for three weeks' demurrage at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10. Chatham Dock. 93. Phin. Pett, Nath. Holt, and Jas. Norman to the Navy Comrs. Account of goods delivered to the Loyal Subject and Loyal George, for repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

93. I. *Account of provisions supplied from Chatham to merchantmen, ketches, and some of the Royal Company's ships, 11 in all, March 30, 1665 – Jan. 18, 1666.* [*2 pages.*]

93. II. *Account of loans to the Loyal Subject from Chatham, from Nov. 14, 1665, to April 23, 1666; with note that the long boat was, left with Mr. Culmer of Deal, by one of the great ships, and by him delivered to the Hampshire, and afterwards lent to the Loyal Subject.*

May 10. 94. Petition of Jeremiah Goerrie [Jerom or Jeremy Gohory], and Andrew Gallwey, grooms of the Queen's privy chamber, to the King, for livery and board wages; have received neither during their three years' attendance, as the rest of the grooms have.

May 10? 95. Petition of the former to the King. To the same effect.

May 10. 96. Petition of Sir Thos. Clarges to the King. His claim to five little houses, called the Forbury, built during the usurpation, and used since by the Duke of Albemarle for the servants of His Majesty's stables, as being part of his lease of the Abbey of Reading and its appurtenances, has been proved good, on reference to the Attorney General; requests payment of 160*l.*, which was decided to be due to him as arrears of rent for the same in time past. *Annexing,*

96. I. *Report by Attorney General Palmer, on examination of records quoted, that the Forbury was really included in*

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*the grant made to Sir Thos. Clarges, of the site of Reading Monastery, with only an exception, as to the stables and barns, of free egress and ingress for the King's officers and servants.* *May* 29, 1666.

May 10. 97. Note for Lord [Arlington] to send for Mr. Dartiguenan, one of the Lifeguards lately come from Flanders, and to speak to the King about Goddard Nelthorpe, Bart., who served His Majesty on several occasions, and relieved many cavaliers in the late rebellion.

May 10. 98. M. De Marainville to M. De la Fabvollière. Requests him either to return to M. De Samborne the alarum clock which he, the writer, lent him, or if it suit him, and he wishes to keep it, to pay for it 7 pieces, the price the clockmaker at Charing Cross offers for it. [*French.*]

May 10. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 99. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. Has given his letters to the Prince and Duke, but has nothing in return. Has had nothing from Capt. Clarke and the party that went with him towards the coasts of Holland.

May 10. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 100. Jas. Hayes to Williamson. They can neither tell what is done elsewhere nor do anything worth writing themselves. Presents a petition in behalf of Capt. Minors, captain of the Old James when the Earl of Marlborough fell; he was reproached for not doing his duty in the last year's engagement, and was tried some days since, and justified on full evidence before a court-martial. As his dishonour was public, he wants a line in the Gazette for his public vindication.

May 11. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 101. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Send up Sir Edw. Spragg, who has settled a way to obtain information out of France. Sir Edward hears that Vendosme, the admiral, lies at Belle Isle, with a small frigate or two to scout, and supposes that the fleet which is come from the Straits will rendezvous there. He has managed the business very discreetly. The party who comes with him should be well gratified, having taken much pains in the business.

May 11. Whitehall. Proclamation permitting free export of leather, hides, corn, butter and cheese, the present war having reduced the prices very low [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 220.]

[May 11.] 102. Rules and orders to be observed by all justices of peace, &c., for prevention of the spreading of the plague; *e.g.* to prevent communication with persons and things infected; to have fires in pans with fumes in churches or chapels; to erect pest-houses near every town, where the sick can be carried; to mark each infected house with a red cross, and "Lord have mercy upon us," though none have died there, and after 40 days, with a white cross for 20 days more, &c. [2 *sheets, printed.*]

[May 11.] Duplicate of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 220A.]

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May 11. Custom House. 103. Sir Jo. Wolstenholme, Sir John Shaw, and J. Harrison, farmers of customs, to Sir Phil. Warwick. The captain of a New England vessel laden with Virginia tobacco, arriving at Weymouth, refused to enter the ship and land the goods, and is gone for Jersey. This being a new and strange proceeding, beg that the Lord Treasurer would procure a warrant to the Governor of Jersey to stop the vessel and goods till further directions. If this little gap were tolerated, it would let open a dangerous gap into the law, and the revenue of the plantation trade. Cannot tell the reason of their running so near the enemy's coast with goods safely brought into the kingdom.

[May 11.] 104. Minute of a grant to Sir Roger Langley, Bart., of 733*l.* for secret service, to be taken out of the arrears for 1664 of the hearth-money for Yorkshire, remaining in his hands.

May 11. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Treasurer. He is to allow Sir Roger Langley to retain in his own hands until Easter 767*l.*, balance due on his account for chimney money, &c., in Yorkshire, where he was high sheriff, he having occasion to spend several sums for secret service. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 187.]

[May 11.] 105. Draft of the above.

May 11. Warrant to pay to Sir Allan Apsley for the use of the Duke of York, 120,902*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, being a month's assessment voted to him by the Parliament at Oxford, as an expression of thanks for the danger to which he exposed himself in defence of the country against the Dutch. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 90–1.]

[May 11.] 106. Draft of the above.

May [11]. Warrant appointing the Earls of Clarendon and Southampton, and Lords Arlington and Ashley, to have a particular survey made of Audley End House and Park, co. Essex, to which the King has taken a liking, and wishes to purchase it for a royal residence, many of the ancient houses of the Crown having been demolished during the late usurpation; they are to have full particulars taken of the boundaries, to have a contract drawn with James Earl of Suffolk for passing the assurance thereof, and for payment of 50,000*l.* purchase money. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 91.]

May [11]. 107. Draft of the above. [2 *pages.*]

May 11. Order for a warrant to pay to Sir George Carteret, out of the 1,250,000*l.* additional aid, 76,500*l.* already advanced and disposed of by him according to the King's private directions. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 92.]

May 11. Peckham. 108. Sir John Hebdon to the Navy Comrs. Proposes to supply hemp, tar, and masts from Russia, in the event of a rupture with Denmark, which would obstruct the trade in the east seas; Russian hemp is the same as that brought from Riga; the tar is of the cleanest and finest sort, and the masts of all dimensions as good as can be procured from any other part of the world; offers all at

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moderate prices; for the first year ready money will be expected; calculates the average value of each ship's lading [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages*.]

May 11. Dover. 109. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Cygnet and Martin have set sail. The Martin, having lost her boat, had that of the Cygnet, which was supplied with one of more fitting size. [*Adm. Paper*.]

May 11. 110. Capt. Geo. Erwin to the Navy Comrs. Survey of the St. Jacob and three other ships hired for the Gottenburg voyage. [*Adm. Paper*.]

May 11. Plymouth. 111. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The victualler refuses warrants for harbour victuals, without an order from Mr. Gauden; the Sorlings and Nightingale have arrived, the latter much shattered and torn, through an encounter with a Dutch man-of-war. [*Adm. Paper*.]

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May 12. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 1. Duke of Albemarle to Sir Geo. Carteret. Desires that part of the 156*l*. due to Seth Thurston, for the use of the Mary ketch, may be paid, to enable him to proceed in the service. [*Adm. Paper*.]

May 12. Royal Sovereign, Gillingham. 2. Capt. John Cox to the Navy Comrs. Has called over the West Friezland's pressed company, and finds many absent, and those who did appear very refractory, because the captain had not given in their tickets; some pretending to fetch their clothes, have given the slip and gone to London; is detained by contrary winds. [*Adm. Paper*.]

May 12. King Road. 3. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Is safe arrived with the convoy and ammunition ships; asks further directions. [*Adm. Paper*.]

May 12. Portsmouth Dockyard. 4. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The bearer, Edw. Archer, is the attorney employed to prosecute the ropemakers concerned in the late embezzlements; he will give account of his proceedings thus far. [*Adm. Paper*.]

May 12. Plymouth. 5. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has surveyed the damage sustained by the Nightingale, and begun to fit her with a new mainmast. [*Adm. Paper*.]

May 12. The Garland, Plymouth. 6. Capt. Charles Hayward to Sir John Mennes. Begs that Wm. Lovett, who was dispossessed of his employment as master of the Garland without any fault, may again fill his place, and the present master be removed to the Sorlings. [*Adm. Paper*.]

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May 12. Bristol. 7. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The provisions sent down for Mr. Baylie's new ship arrived after she was launched; matters respecting her are somewhat confused; had timber been brought as was expected, his own ship would not only have been launched, but in a capacity to have done present service; hopes that the business may be seen to, and the great dispute of land carriage ended. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 12. The King to the Lord Treasurer. He is to take care that John Robinson, son of John Robinson, late searcher in the port of Ipswich, succeeds his father in the said place, any former letter in favour of Nathan. Hewett or any other nothwithstanding. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 187.]

[May 12.] 8. Draft of the above.

May 12. Commission for Sir Godfrey Lloyd, to be Captain of a company of foot in Portsmouth, in place of Capt. Clerk. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 108.]

May 12. Whitehall. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to allow the Conde de Molina, Spanish Ambassador, to export 300 barrels of powder to Flanders, for service of the king of Spain. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 86.]

May 13. "Loose papers concerning several merchant ships, hired to serve His Majesty," as follow :—

9. Names of eleven merchant ships, The Coronation, Turkey Merchant, London, East India, Castle, Loyal Merchant, Albemarle, London Merchant, George, Royal Charles, and Richard and Martha, with their number of men, guns, &c., and notes when they will be ready, &c.

10. Account of the great ordnance belonging to the East India Company's ship London, 24 guns in all.

11. Account of the same, with 22 guns added from the Ordnance Office for the gun deck.

12. Note of the quality of ordnance belonging to the Richard and Martha.

13. Certificate by Richard Patrick, for Captain Kempthorne, of the dimensions and number of guns of the Turkey Merchant.

14. Account of the dimensions of ten ships named, including several of the above, with the names of their captains.

15. Certificate by Henry Rishy of the length of the Loyal Merchant. April 3, 1666.

16. Certificate by James Barker of the length of the Royal Charles. April 3, 1666.

17. Certificate by W. Porter of the number of guns, anchors, and cables, on board the East India Merchant. April 3, 1666.

18. Certificate by Sam. Greeneway of the length of the East India Merchant. April 4, 1666.

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19. Certificate by Thos. Gould of the length of the Coronation, with a note of the number of her guns. April 5, 1666.

20. Obligation by Capt. John Kempthorne, that the Turkey Merchant shall be supplied with 18 demi-culverins and 6 other small guns, and taken down to the Long Reach by the end of April. April 10, 1666.

21. Note by Mr. Greeneway of the dimensions of the Coronation and Turkey Merchant. April 26, 1664.

22. Memorandum of the number of guns intended for the Loyal Merchant, Albemarle, Loyal Catherine, and Maryland. [*Adm. Papers.*] May 5 and 13, 1666.

May 13. Plymouth. 23. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships; no order for harbour victuals is yet received from Mr. Gauden. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 13. Portsmouth. 24. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. If Mr. Harris come not very speedily, he will find only the Mary and Montague in port; the boatswain of the Warwick justifies himself for having thrown the Mars' provisions overboard, by saying that boatswain Henry Avis, who had been an old surveyor, told him it was a usual custom. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 13. Greenwich. 25. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sir Wm. Coventry. The boatswain has injured himself severely by a fall into the hold of the ship; asks assistance from Deptford for two days, to help to set the mainmast; has prevailed with the Ordnance Officers about brass bases for the guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14. Blackwall. 26. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sir Wm. Batten. To the effect of the former part of the above.

May 14. Bristol. 27. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has discharged the surveyor, and put the remainder of the business under the carpenter's care; chain pumps are provided, and Sir John Knight's son has orders to supply tops; asks whence canvas, hammocks, &c., are to be had; wants money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14. Bristol. 28. Isburn Holland, surveyor, to the Navy Comrs. The proportions of Mr. Baylie's new ship are right; has taken daily care to see the contract answered; can give account of the defaults altered and stopped during the building; begs payment of his wages for eight months three weeks and two days. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14. 29. Certificate, by Jonas Shish and Capt. George Ewin, of the measurement of the London, burden 552½ tons. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14. Yarmouth. 30. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Is ready with the Milkmaid at the haven's mouth, with three months' provisions on board, waiting orders and convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 14. Dover. 31. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Wivell still refuses to show his books, saying that Mr. Gauden has given positive orders to that effect, but has agreed that his servant shall read out the accounts; if so, Mr. Gauden orders one thing and writes another. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14. Whitehall. 32. Phil. Lloyd to Sam. Pepys. Is commanded to enquire which of the merchant ships are most forward, there being soldiers ready to be distributed amongst them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14. Yarmouth. 33. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Though many of his pressed men left him, has now got the 140 allowed for the Sweepstakes. Is victualled and manned; if weather prove fine, will sail to the fleet on Thursday. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14. Exeter. 34. Pet. Yates to Williamson. A cockfight has been held last week, but the gentry are so well acquainted with it that they do not come nigh it. There will be the fair in a fortnight, unless prevented by the Mayor, who has written to the King to stop it. With memoranda of expenditure, and gains and losses at play.

May 14. Warrant for a grant of pardon to Lawrence Clerke, convicted at Hertford assizes for the robbery of Miles Greenwood, a northern carrier. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 87.]

May 15. Warrant for a grant of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year to Thomas Earl of Ossory, as gentleman of the bedchamber. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 86.]

May 15. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the prize ship Black Bear at Hull to Sir Jordan Crosland as a free gift, instead of selling it to him as ordered by a previous warrant. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 88.]

May 15. Warrant for a grant to George Porter, in reversion after Thos. Freeston and Hen. Prescot, of the office of Supervisor of small customs and subsidies in the port of London, with a fee of 300*l.* a year. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 88.]

May 15. Warrant from Lord Arlington to Sir Phil. Frowde to pay 35*l.* 10*s.* to P. Stanney, letter carrier to the Court, for extraordinary attendance on the King at Oxford, &c. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 101.] *Annexing,*

1. *Bill of Peter Stanney, for the above services, allowed by Lord Arlington.*

May 15. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Silius Titus, groom of the bedchamber, of the reversion after John Dawson of the Head Searcher's place for Kent. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 93.]

May 15. Whitehall. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. Denis Grenville, M.A., archdeacon and prebendary of Durham, and rector of Elwick, who has hitherto been diligent and exemplary in his duties, has important affairs requiring his presence in London. Grants him

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a dispensation from residence in those parts, he supplying his several places sufficiently, and requests them to continue to him all his emoluments. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 188.]

May 15. 35. Draft of the preceding. [1½ *pages.*]

[May 15.] Lord Arlington to Sir Hugh Smith and Sir George Norton. Sends the assignment from Sir Wm. Berkeley to Sir Phil. Honeywood of 2,000*l.* militia money, paid on occasion of the late letter of the King, who was well satisfied with their readiness to comply with his service. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 189.]

May 15. Royal Charles. 36. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Ashley. Used the houses mentioned in Sir Thos. Clarges' petition for the King's stable servants at Reading, and would have satisfied him for them, but heard that the Forbury on which they were built was not passed in his lease. On searching the records, finds that they did belong to the petitioner, but rather than pay a rental for them, thinks it would be better to prevail on him to surrender them in exchange for a longer term in the rest of his lease. *Annexing,*

36. I. *Petition of Sir Thos. Clarges to the King. The Duke of Albemarle having taken from him five years ago, for accommodation of His Majesty's grooms and equerries, five houses built on the site of the Monastery of Reading, begs allowance for them for the time past, and a rent settled for the time to come. With reference thereon, April* 17, *to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, and report of the latter, May* 3, *that the houses were granted to the petitioner, and that the Duke of Albemarle says they are necessary for the King's service, but he will report further after a survey has been made thereof.* [*Copies,* 2 *pages.*]

36. II. *Original of the above petition and reference, with report by Lord Ashley, May* 13, *that the Surveyor General thinks an extension of the petitioner's lease of Reading Monastery from* 25 *to* 50 *years would be an equivalent for the surrender of the houses in question.*

May 15? 37. Petition of Ralph Rymer, prisoner in York Castle, to the King, for a warrant to the High Sheriff of Yorkshire to release him, on sufficient bail for his return to York Castle on summons. Is so reduced by long and close durance, that he cannot expect to continue long. *Annexing,*

37. I. *Certificate by Sir Thos. Gower and three other Deputy Lieutenants of Yorkshire, that the petitioner is dropsical and consumptive, and cannot continue long in that air and durance.* *May* 15, 1666.

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May 15. Whitehall. 38. H. Muddiman to —— Cole. News from Venice, Lembergh, and Walachia :—

The new Messias of the Jews was hanged in chains at Stamboul, having first confessed, after some blows on the feet, that he was persuaded by some Jews.

Hague, May $\frac{4}{14}$: The Prince of Orange has more state allowed him than formerly; the peace with Munster is proclaimed, and the States attend to their maritime affairs, having 80 sail ready, well manned.

Ostend, April 16: The French detain the Swedish ships, and their small shallops have taken from the convoy two vessels laden with Rhenish wine. The Governor of Nieuport has forbidden the Ostend waggon to go thither, for fear of the sickness.

Aldborough, May 7: A French shallop has taken a small vessel four miles off.

Royal Charles, buoy of the Nore, May 7: Capt. Rob. Clarke, of the Gloucester, with five vessels, is gone from the Nore, to ply between the Vlie and the Texel, and give intelligence.

The King and Council have ordered a collection for Colchester, in such parishes as the Bishop of London thinks convenient. Several wine and brandy prizes have been brought into the Isle of Wight.

Stockholm, April 16: The ambassadors from Sweden and Hen. Coventry, the British envoy thither, are preparing for England.

Copenhagen, April 20: Denmark expects eight men-of-war from Holland; the coasts of Norway are guarded in case of a surprise from the English, but they have more fear from Sweden.

Whitehall, May 11: The King has sent presents to General Wrangel. Capt. Brumingham is found accessory with Lord Morley to the manslaughter of Mr. Hastings.

Dover, May 11: Some of Lord Holles' trunks have arrived; several Dutch pilots are gone to fetch the French fleet into the Narrow Seas.

Ostend, May 20: The French piekeroons have taken 15 Flemish or English prizes to Zealand; they condemn all, and leave the parties to dispute their rights at Paris.

The Lord Chancellor's second son, Sir Wm. Coventry, Sir George Carteret, and Sir George Saville or Mr. May, are spoken of for peerages.

Deaths this week 236, of plague 58. [3 *pages.*]

May 15. 39. Petition of Willm. Pettyfer to the King, for release. Has been almost five years in Oxford gaol for being a quaker. Hopes the Lord will put it into His Majesty's heart to release him, but whether or not will yet say, the Lord save him.

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May 15. Dover. 40. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Lily is arrived to victual and clean; asks whether small sails may be made for her. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 15. The Lily, Dover. 41. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Is come into harbour to victual and clean. Mr. White will not supply sails nor a cable without an order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 15. Humber Road. 42. Rich. Bone, master of the Maybell, to the Navy Comrs. Has been detained by contrary winds since leaving the fleet, until ordered by the commander of the Dover to go for Humber Road. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 15. Painters' Hall. 43. Sir Wm. Doyley, Sir Thos. Clifford, and Col. Bullen Reymes, Commissioners for sick and wounded, to the Navy Comrs. Will direct their clerks in the several districts to be very careful and punctual in forwarding monthly accounts of the arrival, cure, and discharge of sick and wounded seamen, as desired. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 15. Althorp-on-Trent. 44. Wm. Skinner to the Navy Comrs. The Black Dog hoy is beneaped in the Trent; has been all the last spring tide getting eight miles down, dragging upon the ground several times; the river has not been so bad the last dozen years; has been laden with plank ever since the 4th of the month; asks whether to wait for convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 15. Portsmouth. 45. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Harris has not yet come; the ships at Harwich have received more damage in their sails than those at Portsmouth. Only one is dead of the plague in six days, "and that was one that may be best spared out of the world, for it was an old woman;" it gets worse and worse at Gosport. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 15. Ordnance Office. 46. Ordnance Comrs. to the Navy Comrs. Ask whether there are any vessels bound for Plymouth, and when they will be ready; also what new ships are ready for gun carriages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 16. King Road. 47. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Promises dispatch in sailing for Milford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 16. Plymouth. 48. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Waltham's complaint of the pursers was not unfounded; they are very remiss, and run out much in their provisions. The Tiger will be repaired next spring tide. Cannot please the officers of the Nightingale with a mainmast. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 16. Bristol. 49. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Has desired the officers of the St. Patrick to employ the pressed men in the speedy dispatch of the ship; all necessaries can be furnished at Bristol; the furnaces as yet remain aboard the Pearl. Finds upon inquiry that John Guildford is an old pilot, of 60 years of age, who has gone several years as master; wishes the captain would come; at present officers and seamen are all commanders-in-chief. Mr. Furzer takes great pains in forwarding the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 16. 50. Thos. Lewis to Thos. Hayter. Sends account of victuals delivered for the ships Duke of Cambridge, Cæsar, and Exeter. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

50. I. *Account by Thos. Lewis of provisions supplied to Sir Wm. Warren's six Gottenburg ships; total value,* 448*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* *April* 19, 1667.

50. II. *Account of victuals delivered to six ships, four of which are in the preceding account.*

50. III. *Memoranda relating to the above.*

May 16. 51. Petition of Sir William Batten, surveyor of the navy, to the King, for a warrant for possession of the ship the Young Prince of Denmark, valued at 153*l.*, and promised to him if she were condemned as a prize, which is now done.

May 16. Commission to John Lord Berkeley and six other Officers of Ordnance, to make saltpetre and gunpowder during pleasure, in pursuance of several orders from Council. [*Docquet.*]

May 16. Warrant for detaining [John] Patshall a close prisoner in the Gatehouse. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 93.]

May 16. Order for a warrant empowering Lord Admiral the Duke of York to grant letters of marque against the Danes to British subjects, on good security to bring in the prizes taken, for judgment in the Admiralty Courts, &c. [*Ent Book* 23, *p.* 93.]

May 16. Order for a warrant to pay to Montague Earl of Lindsey 40*l.* a year, for wages of the keepers in Woodstock Park, co. Oxford, and 40*l.* for provision of hay for the deer. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 94–5.]

[May 16.] 52. Draft of part of the above.

May 16. Whitehall. Order for a warrant to Sir Nich. Crisp, of Hammersmith, and three others, to whom the farm of the Mulgrave alum works in Yorkshire and Lancashire is granted for 20 years, on payment of 4,260*l.* for the first four years, and 5,260*l.* afterwards, to pay out of the said rent 400*l.* a year for 20 years to Sir John Bennet; also warrant to the Officers of the Exchequer to defalcate the same from the said rent, or to pay it to Sir John Bennet, if it should at any time be paid into the Exchequer. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 96–100.]

May 16. 53. Lord Ashley to Lord Arlington. Sends the form in which, on advising with the Attorney General, he thinks the business should be put, and requests the King's warrant to authorize the same. *Prefixing,*

53. I. *Contract between the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer on the King's part, and Sir Gervase Lucas, Martha, widow of Sir Hen. Carey, and six others, empowering the latter to treat with owners and tenants claiming rights of common in Dartmoor Forest, part of*

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*the duchy of Cornwall, the King wishing to enclose a part thereof, and divide the residue amongst them; the said enclosures and improvements to be made at the expense of the said Commissioners, who are to have a lease of the King's portion for 50 years at a fourth of the value, the rest to be divided among the tenants and held in free soccage, the said Commissioners engaging sufficiently to enclose and improve the King's land.* [3¼ *pages.*] *Feb.* 27, 1666.

May 16. 54. Ri. Selby to James Hickes. Thanks from Sir N. A. [Nich. Armorer] for the Gazette. Could supply Williamson, as once requested, to a fine nag for 40*l.*

May 16. Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of Sir John Bennet, K.B., who complains that Mr. Soper detains 13,989*l.* assessed upon the mises (?) now in his hands, alleging that Sir John has no power to call him to account for it. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 205.]

May 17. Whitehall. Order granting the petition of the Inhabitants of Hemel Hempstead that the Attorney General may be ordered to cease all further prosecution of a writ of *quo warranto*, and cause a *non pros.* to be entered on record, that the city and country may receive the same benefit from their market as formerly. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 206.]

May 17. 55. Petition of Katherine Rey to the King, for relief, in compensation for her father's services and sufferings as captain of a troop of horse; her credit being gone, is unable either to return to her parents or remain.

May 17. Dover. 56. Appraisement of the Hope of Bayonne, brought into port by the Castell frigate, 5 November last; value, 365*l.* 10*s.*

May 17. Warrant to pay to Sir Allen Apsley, for the use of the Duke of York, 120,902*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, being a month's tax given by Parliament to the King for the Duke. [*Docquet.*]

May 17. 57. Sir A. Apsley to Williamson. Wants a warrant for Jas. Roper to be put into Hen. Mordaunt's place as falconer.

May 17. Whitehall. Sec. Morice to Leicester, Viscount Hereford, at Christchurch, near Ipswich. The Swedish resident sues for justice, because of the seizure of some corn, the lading of a Swedish vessel wrecked near Orfordness in 1662, by some persons in his lordship's name. Application was made to the Admiralty, but his lordship refused to appear. The King wishes him to make his claim good, if he have any, or some other course will have to be adopted. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 73.]

May 17. Portsmouth. 58. Wm. Povey to the Ordnance Officers. Attended at the dock with carts and laborers, for the promised rakings and shakings. Was offered about four tons of rakings, which were positively refused by the gunners. Such a quantity of combustible stuff could not safely be stowed; the whole yard would have cried shame at it; has sent

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a sample of it by coach. Begs an order to those concerned to furnish port rope, junk, and wadding as heretofore. Comr. Middleton has given warning to lay no more guns upon the King's wharfs or make any further use of the cranes. Is sorry there is such ill understanding. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

May 17. Portsmouth. 59. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Reports Mr. Harris's survey of the defective sails; they must in future be sown with tarred instead of white twine. Hears that three bales of canvas were put on board the Crown by Sir Jeremy Smith; knows not what has become of them; wishes some enquiries may be made, lest they be forgotten, as the boatswain has not indented for them. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

May 17. Dover. 60. Thos. White to Sir Wm. Coventry. The Lily is fitted, and would have sailed last night but for contrary winds. It is a prejudice to the service to have to state the wants of different frigates before furnishing them; their demands generally exceed what is needful, and all the materials expended in refitting them do not cost so much as two days' pay and victuals consequent upon the delay. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 17. 61. Navy Comrs. to Sir Wm. Penn. Request him to examine the master and mate concerning the loss of the James ketch. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*

61. I. *Certificate by John Banton, master, and John Keech, mate, of the sinking of the James ketch of Dover, at the buoy of the Gunfleet.* *May* 15, 1666.

May 18. Yarmouth. 62. Capt. Frns. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Is still detained by contrary winds. Is grieved to be unable to answer the expectations of his superiors. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 18. Kinsale. 63. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Begs a full settlement of his accounts. Has sent to the Commissioners for sick and wounded for directions how to provide for his growing charge. There is a daily expectation of some considerable action on the coast. Much shooting has been heard at sea for several days. A Dutch caper has been sent into Cork harbour by the Sapphire, who is in chase of another of 32 guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 18. Royal James. 64. Rich. Ward, muster master, to Sam. Pepys. The pursers belonging to the Admirals of the White division are come down. Hopes shortly to send up a perfect muster book of each respective ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 18. Plymouth. 65. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Does not know where the Samuel is. The Tiger and Nightingale will soon be ready. A French man-of-war brought in by the Resolution has been the cause of a little dispute, as it was said to have been taken by Capt. Carteret in the Oxford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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[May 18.] 66. Petition of Joanna Winne, widow, to Lord Arlington, for leave to take her course at law against Thos. Barlow, postmaster in Southwark, who owes her 40*l.*, which has been due three years, and has often been vainly demanded.

May 18. Order on the above petition, that Barlow pay the debt by a certain day, or else he proceeded against by law. [*Ent. Book* 12, *p.* 206.]

May 18. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of the Duke of Monmouth, for the fee farm of lands known as the Holt, co. Hants, under such rent as the revenue officers think fit. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 206.]

May 18. 67. John Pettie and Jo. Burniston to Robt. Hiching. He is to receive from Capt. Chas. Farrell 8*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* acreage for 1,033 acres, and 1*l.* fees to the Commissioners.

[May 18.] 68. Account by Jas. Hickes of the days and hours of the mails coming from Plymouth the past week, being 56, 55, and 57 hours respectively, or between 3 and 4 miles an hour; also from Yarmouth, 41 and 32 hours, being about 3½ miles an hour; also account of Mr. Vanderplanck of Winchester being 17 or 18 hours riding between that place and Southampton.

[May 18.] 69. Like account for the Bristol road, the riding being 4 miles an hour, and the Gloucester road 3½.

[May 18.] 70. Like account of the Chester and York roads, 4 miles an hour, although the postmasters are bound by their instructions to ride 7 miles an hour from Lady Day to Michaelmas, and 5 from Michaelmas to Lady Day.

May 18. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer to the Commissioners of Prizes, to pay to Ferdinando Mendoza de Costa the proceeds of the sale of 42 chests of sugar out of the St. Peter of Bourdeaux, which chests were granted to him, but sold before the orders reached the Commissioners at Plymouth. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 87.]

May. Duplicate of the above warrant, dated May 10. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 89.]

May 18. Warrant to —— Wilton for discharge of Francis Cook. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 100.]

May 18. Grant of denization to Maria de Mendoza, a Portuguese. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 183.]

May 19. Warrant to Ralph Rutter to apprehend Thos. Leeton, of Denton, co. Northampton, for misdemeanors in taking and destroying the King's game. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 84.]

[May 19.] Whitehall. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver a packet boat, taken from the French, called the Post Employment, to Sir Philip Frowde. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 100.]

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May 19. 71. Petition of Elizabeth, wife of John Petshall, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, for admission to her husband, who has been kept 15 months close prisoner, that she may give him necessary sustenance.

May 19. Warrant to allow Elizabeth Petshall access to her husband in the Gatehouse. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 100.]

May 19. 72. Petition of Willm. Harwood, ensign in Capt. Barker's company, in his Majesty's regiment of Guards, to the King, for the place of lieutenant in the said company, when void. Lost both blood and bones in the late King's war, and was quarter-master to His Majesty's regiment of Guards, till ousted by the junction of Lord Wentworth and Col. Russell's regiments.

May 19. 73. List by John Tooker of 51 watermen found on board 9 vessels on the 18th of May, with corresponding list of 27 remaining on the 19th. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 19. The Fountain, Downs. 74. James Anselin, master, to Sir Wm. Batten. Has been cruelly beaten and ill used by the captain, for having given leave to a midshipman and quarter-master to go on shore. Is still under the surgeon's care and kept a prisoner. Begs to be removed out of the ship. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

May 19. Bristol. 75. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has received 300*l.* of Mr. Morgan. The sails are nearly ready. Mr. Knight will see all other necessaries supplied. Would have put the ironwork on board Capt. Teate's vessel, but that he is ordered first to Milford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 20. 76. Robert Mayores to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the masts offered for sale by Mr. Wood; they are much wanted at Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 20. Plymouth. 77. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Sends the sea books of the Tiger and Nightingale, and muster rolls of the Foresight and Oxford. Promises further accounts shortly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 20. 78. Certificate by Capt. John Kempthorne of the appearance of the Content ketch, in good equipage, to attend the Royal Charles at the buoy of the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 20. 79. Comr. Thos. Middleton to [Sam. Pepys]. Men have been put on board the Francis when judged unfit to go their own ships, as the only convenient place, on their return from the sick houses, where they could wash their clothes and air themselves. Did not know they ought to have been on petty warrant all the time. Is glad that proper orders are sent about the delivery of junk and portrope. Has been troubled to see good cables cut for wadding; if it be lawful to speak truth in such a matter, cannot but admire the profuseness of the allowance made to gunners; shall forget he ever was himself a gunner if one third of that allowance be not found sufficient. Has orders to let them have

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junk "fit for nothing but wads"; fears such junk will never be seen in the King's stores. Wishes the Ordnance officers would find some other way to provide wadding. [*Adm. Paper, 2¼ pages.*] *Encloses,*

79. I. *Notes of warrants granted for the supply of provisions to the Francis. October 23rd, November 1st and 13th,* 1665.

79. II. *Certificate by St. J. Steventon of the correctness of the accounts passed by the boatswain of the Francis.* *19th May,* 1666.

May 20. Warrant for a grant to James Roper of the office of Falconer, void by decease of Hen. Mordaunt, with the annuity of 38*l.* 0*s.* 5½*d.* [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 102.]

May 20. Sunday. 80. J. Hamilton to Williamson. Understands his business is signed, and therefore begs that the warrant for 1,000*l.* may be sealed and directed to his wife.

May 20. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 81. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. Capt. Clarke, sent with six sail to the coast of Holland, writes that he reached his station between the Vlie and Texel on the 14th; on the 15th he saw twelve sail, N.N.E., and after much chasing, took seven, laden with oakum, fir, potashes, &c. They pretend to be Swedes, bound for Amsterdam; he sent them into Harwich; he also retook the Hunter, a merchant ship taken by the Dutch 11 March last; the Admiralty have ordered her to the Commissioners for Prizes of London. Two more prizes have been taken. A Sweedish man-of-war passed with the Swedish ambassador; they fired a salute of eleven guns, and were answered with eight.

May 20. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 82. Jas. Hayes to Williamson. Want nothing but a wind to carry them abroad. Will write in turns with Sir Wm. Clarke.

May 21. The Victory, Buoy of the Nore. 83. S. Taylor to Williamson. The Victory is fitted at all points. The Council of war resolved to sail to the Downs, but the easterly wind prevents. There is a report that Capt. Clarke of the Gloucester, sent with six frigates to the coast of Holland, has taken five prizes. Few in the fleet are acquainted with much intelligence, except those on board the General's flag.

May 21. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 84. Duke of Albemarle to Lord [Arlington]. A small vessel lately built at Harwich might attend the packet boat and take any sloops that interrupt it. Thanks for the intelligence constantly sent by Williamson. Is glad the ships with Lords Sandwich and Belasyse are returned, and requests that they and the rest of the ships left behind may be hastened to the fleet. Is detained by contrary winds. Wishes the English in Portugal could be sent to Tangiers, if that King has no use for them.

May 21. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 85. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King. There are no provisions for victualling the ships there; the Straits' fleet are out of victuals, so that unless the victualler be more careful, the

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service will suffer. The fleet has been wind bound, but will sail to the Downs the first fair wind. There are many ships yet to pay off; if the moneys resolved on when they left London fall short, others should be appointed, as all Sir Jeremiah Smith's squadron and many others have still to be paid off. The fleet stands well in health; wish the merchant and other ships to be hastened as soon as possible.

May 21. Exeter. 86. Lord Ashley to Lord Arlington. Col. Gifford is to have the reversion for two lives, after Cadwallader Jones, of the King's Customer's place at Sandwich, on his resigning his warrant for the place of Assay Master in the Mint.

May? 87. Petition of John Grice to the King, for relief according to a promise to the Lord General, to whom he discovered in open court the whole design of the late horrid plot, and was the chiefest witness; his Grace has written to Lord Arlington thereon, but meanwhile the petitioner is starving, and unable to be of service in discovering other grand agents in the plot.

May 21 Whitehall. 88. Petition of Winifred Grice to the King, for an order for her husband's release from the Tower; he was signally serviceable in discovering the late plot, and by his evidence, several of the prisoners have been brought to condign punishment. With reference thereon to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge, who sat on the trial, and his report, that without the petitioner's husband's evidence, the eight traitors lately executed could not have been brought to trial.

May 21. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 207.]

May 21. 89. Gilbert Thomas, marshal, to Lord Arlington. In his anxiety to secure the remaining traitors, employed Rob. Clifton and Rich. Bowers to satisfy the Commissioners on his behalf, but they have acted for themselves and left him in the lurch, 12*l.* out of purse, and indebted 20*l.*, after five months spent in the service. Begs satisfaction for his disbursements and service.

May 21. 90. Chr. Crafford to Viscount Conway. Arrangements for payment of 1,200*l.* to his lordship, 500*l.* of it to be paid on his bond to Lord [Chief Justice] Bridgeman and Sir Heneage [Finch], executors of Lady Finch, deceased.

May 21. Pass and post warrant for Sieur Spindler to Dover. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 100.]

May 21. Warrant to Carter, the messenger, to apprehend William Burden for treasonable and seditious practices. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 101.]

May 21. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to increase the allowance to Dr. Clarke, now sole physician to the household, to 12*s.* a day, from the allowance heretofore paid to the late Dr. Whittaker. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 187.]

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May 21. Grant to Sir John Bennet of the yearly sum of 400*l.* out of the rent of the alum mines, with liberty to sue Sir Nich. Crisp and the other farmers of alum therefor. [*Docquet.*]

May 21. Dover. 91. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Lily has set sail. The Fountain frigate is to be victualled and careened with all speed, to join the fleet. Has furnished all things needful, fearing that the delay in procuring an order might be prejudicial. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 21. Weymouth. 92. Geo. Pley, [sen.,] to Sam. Pepys. Requests a credit on the receipts of Weymouth for 800*l.*; 300*l.* has been lately paid by himself and son for customs on goods imported. Can do nothing without a constant supply of money, having to deal with mean, close manufacturers. Has advice from Rochelle that the ship laden with canvas will at last be cleared at the cost of 500*l.*; not another piece of canvas has been permitted to be shipped off, so strict are the French King's orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22. Plymouth. 93. Rich. Long and three other officers of the Nightingale to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the damage sustained by the ship through stress of weather during her last voyage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22. 94. Thos. Perring to the Navy Comrs. Requests orders for the survey and measurement of the new ship at Blackwall. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22. 95. Note, by John Tooker, of the names of nine masters who have given their protections for securing watermen put on board their respective ships; as their attendance is so uncertain, requests provisions for ten more pressed watermen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22. House de Swede, Long Reach. 96. Capt. Jeffery Dare to the Navy Comrs. Has 310 men, including 30 soldiers, on board. Hears that but 280 are allowed; it will not be convenient to clear the supernumeraries in the river, or the ship would be in bad condition on joining the fleet, they being the best men on board. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

96. I. *List of* 34 *supernumeraries on board the House de Swede, and of the ships from which they have respectively been pressed.*

May 22. Portsmouth Dockyard. 97. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The gunners have never been refused shakings for wads; rakings they will not use. There is no junk in store, and portropes have been furnished them. Shows the danger and inconvenience arising from heavy guns being laid upon the King's wharf. The Officers of Ordnance will be unwilling to build it up again if it fall in. Guns are also placed under the great crane, which hinder the landing of timber. The other place where guns are laid is ready to fall with the weight, and must speedily be repaired; besides all this, great expense is incurred for labourers to remove them from place to place, and much injury done to the guns by the falls they receive in being tumbled one upon another. Cannot hear of Mr. Dering's deals. Is afraid to go into the town on account of the plague. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

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May 22. Plymouth. 98. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Nightingale is refitted; her officers promise a satisfactory account of the loss of her mainmast. The Tiger is off the ground. Recommends Erasmus Joy as master of the French prize sent in to be cleaned and fitted; the commander proposes Caleb Hall as surgeon. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

98. I. *Certificate by Geo. Jones, shipwright, and three others, of the damage sustained by the Nightingale in a dispute with a Dutch caper, and the fall of her mainmast in a storm.* *Plymouth, May* 12, 1666.

May 22. Buoy of the Nore. 99. Prince Rupert to Lord Arlington. Wishes him to use no ceremony in writing. They are still ignorant of the King or Duke's commands, and time is precious. If they had orders, would not stay an hour in the Downs, when the wind served. Hopes to be an instrument to do His Majesty service.

May 22. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 100. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King. Have been there a month, but still the four months' provisions for the ships are not completed, and the ships from the Straits have no provisions at all. Some of the provisions from outports are unfit for use, or will be in a month's time. Unless some course is taken with the victualler, the service will suffer much this summer.

May 22. Whitehall. 101. Petition of Willm. Goldby, cooper, prisoner in the Tower, to the King, for orders for his release. Was committed to the Tower as a plotter in September last, but confessing all he knew about the plot before the Duke of Albemarle and the scout master-general, was promised his liberty if he gave the same evidence at the sessions, which he has done accordingly. With reference thereon to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge, and his report, that Goldby confessed that Wm. Sanderson, a traitor lately executed, told him there were 10,000 men ready to rise in arms against the King, and wished him to bring men to join, and that there is no evidence against Goldby but his own confession.

May 22. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 207.]

May 23. Whitehall. 102. Petition of John Bubb, prisoner in Bedford gaol, to the King, for pardon. Is condemned to death because, grappling with a person who picked a quarrel with him, the man fell and hurt himself with his tobacco pipe, and died a month after, though not of that wound, as attested by the surgeon who attended him, and who offered oath to the Earl of Bedford and others that the wound was not mortal, on which the petitioner was reprieved. With reference thereon to the Earl of Bedford and others; their report in favour of the petitioner; order thereon, June 11, that mercy be granted, if approved by Sir Wm. Moreton, who sat on the trial; and his report, July 2, that the evidence on the trial went to prove that Bubb provoked the quarrel, knocked Edwards down, and struck the pipe into his left eye. *Annexing,*

102. I. *Examinations of Rich Gregory, surgeon of Eversholt, Dorothy Sparkes, of Woburn, co. Bedford, surgeon, and four others, to the effect that Bubb did not first provoke*

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*the quarrel with Edwards, and that the wound inflicted on the latter was not mortal. Taken before the Earl of Bedford and the other referees. Whitehall, May 23, 1666.*

May 23. Entry of the preceding reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 207.]

May 23. Reference of the petition of Wm. Pawson, indicted for coining, for pardon, to Baron Rainsford, before whom the petitioner was indicted. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 207.]

May 23. Whitehall. 103. Petition of the Inhabitants of East Moulsey to the King, to order the removal to a distance of two powder mills which the usurped powers permitted John Samyne to erect, which caused many inhabitants to let or sell their houses; also of two others which he has lately erected, to the danger and terror of the whole town, one of which is opposite to His Majesty's own house at Hampton Court. With reference thereon to the Ordnance Comrs. [13 *original signatures.*]

May 23. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 208.]

May 23. 104. Request of the Earl of Castlemaine, that as he is going abroad by the King's leave, no one may be permitted to take advantage of his absence, and defraud him of his tenant right to obtain a renewal of his lease of tenements near Charing Cross, left by Henry Earl of Northampton to Greenwich Hospital, leased by the Mercers' Company,—who have the care thereof,—to Sir Rob. Brett, and transferred to Sir Roger Palmer, from whom they came to the Earl, as his nephew.

May 23. 105. Informationexhibited to Attorney General Palmer against Samuel Speed, by John Streater and others. Extracts from a book entitled "The Power and Practice of Court-leets," printed in 1666 by Speed, which are scandalous to government, being reprints of what was written in Cromwell's time; also notes of other law books printed or sold by him, tending to unloose the frame of government, and keep up the memory of treasonable things. [The Act of Parliament, 14 Charles II., provides that the publishers of seditious and treasonable books be committed for such offences.]

May 23. 106. Bond of Samuel Speed, stationer of St. Dunstan's parish, and two others in 300*l.*, for his not composing, printing, selling, nor publishing any seditious or unlicensed book or pamphlet, nor countenancing any designs against government.

May 23. Sandwich. 107. Ben. Harrison to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Sends fresh information, obtained at great hazard; is in a condition deserving of pity, as represented to his Grace by Sir John Mennes. Begs his Grace to remember him, and think of Sandwich, which wants help; would gladly serve the Church of England, if his Grace thought fit to employ him. *Encloses,*

107. I. *Information of the* [*Dutch*] *gentleman. Thos. Lord, the porter, introduced him to Wm. Sylvester, a tailor, formerly an ensign, appointed by Capt. Not to try him.*

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*Asked Sylvester how their country could be delivered from oppression, and his own country from their enemies; he said the Dutch had only to land 500 men, and were blind if they did not see the tyranny by which the people are oppressed. Told him the Dutch would not help without certainty of good assistance from the English; he said 100 or 200 would rise in Dover to assist the invaders, and the work would have been done two years ago, but they waited for the war; he said this was the best opportunity, for there were navy provisions at Dover that would enable them to keep the castle three years, and it might easily be surprised with 100 men; he mentioned as corresponding with Holland, Mr. Hopkins, lieutenant to Col. Kelsey, late governor of Dover Castle, a stout resolute man, though seeming to live quietly as a quaker; also Capt. Clarke, who left London, his house being plundered on the Restoration, and Capt. Taverner of Deal, an Anabaptist preacher, but a fighting man; was invited to a meeting of these men, at the house of Partridge, at Gunstone, where almost none but Independents live; they confidently hope the landing of foreign forces, and think it will be in Sussex Sylvester says the master victualler at Dover is brother-in-law to Col. Kelsey, and would be for them, though seeming against them. The Governor of Dover Castle has forbidden the soldiers to have acquaintance with Sylvester; they tell him they are slaves, and ask when there will be a change of government which many, otherwise well content, earnestly desire, because of heavy taxes, &c. Sylvester was acquainted with Tongue who was executed, and Toomes, a traitor, who died in prison.* [2½ *pages.*] *May* 3 *and* 4, 1666.

May 23. 108. Petition of Walter Braems to the King, for permission to purchase the Hope of Bayonne, brought into Dover, at the appraised value of 365*l.* 10*s.*

May 23. 109. Petition of the Yeomen of the great chamber in ordinary to the King, for speedy relief, lest they and their families shamefully perish in the streets, being turned out of their houses and wanting bread; beg part of their arrears, three and a half years being due, and settlement of their pay monthly, as before.

[May 23.] 110. Petition of Joseph Sheldon, registrar of the office of Commissary of London, commonly called Paul's Chain Office, and Richard Butler, his deputy, to the King and Council. During the raging of the plague, Rob. Pirry, of St. Gregory's parish, clerk in the said office, dispatched the business, and thus became possessed of many original wills and records belonging to the office, which he refuses to deliver up; request that he may be summoned, and ordered to restore the same. [*An Order in Council for Pirry to attend and answer the complaint, was passed May* 23, 1666.]

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May 23. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Montague Earl of Lindsey of a further lease of 31 years of the waste ground in the forests of Shotover and Stowood, co. Oxford, on rent of 50*l.* to the Crown, and 50*l.* to the Bishop of Oxford; granted in consideration of his great charge in improving the premises. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 96.]

May 23. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Gunfleet. 111. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, with 58 ships and 9 fire-ships, besides victualling ships and ketches, sailed this morning from the Nore. Capt. Clarke's squadron is in sight in the Rolling Grounds.

May 23. The Friezland, King Road. 112. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Will soon be ready to sail for Milford; wants an order for payment for the boatswain and pilot. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 23. East India House. 113. Sir Andrew Riccard, governor of the East India Company, to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges their letter relating to the freight of the Leopard and other of the King's ships; the Company desires to do what is just and right. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 23. Yarmouth. 114. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. The Sweepstakes has set sail towards the fleet; her supplies amount to 305*l.*, those of the Milkmaid to 190*l.*; hears nothing of his bill of imprest for 1,350*l.*, though daily disbursing money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 24. London. 1. Wm. Hooker to Sam. Pepys. Requests a protection for Thos. Beckly, a waterman, who has been in his employ for nearly 20 years; the man "lives in Greenwich, a place sufficiently laden with poor," and if he be taken, his three children must perish or go to the parish. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 24. Deptford. 2. Comr. John Taylor to [the Navy Comrs.]. The Loyal London is to be launched in June; requests that he may have orders for supplying her with everything needful, that a surveyor may be appointed to take her measurement, and that absolute warrants may be issued for the bilgeways to be in readiness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 24. Ordnance Office, Tower. 3. Certificate by Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore, ordnance officers, that Stephen Symons, gunner of the Royal Oak, has delivered in the remainder of his gun stores, and given an account of the expenditure. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

3. I. *Like certificate by Edw. Sherburne, and three other Ordnance Officers, in behalf of Stephen Symons.*
*Ordnance Office, Jan.* 20, 1666.

May 24. 4. Petition of Rowland Gilbert, prisoner in Chepstow Castle, to the King, for release; is of English parentage, but long resident in

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the Netherlands, and being bound in a merchantman for Spain, was forced to be in the engagement with the Dutch in June last, and has been a prisoner in misery ever since.

May 24. 5. Petition of Capt. Andries Mesters, of Flushing, to the King and Council, for liberty to return home with his son 12 years old, on equal exchange; was taken at sea with Capt. Evertsen.

May 24. Warrant for the 40,000*l.* ordered to be paid to George Cock, treasurer for the sick and wounded soldiers, to be discharged out of the 1,250,000*l.* granted by Parliament for the war against the Dutch. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 102.]

[May 24.] 6. Draft of the above.

May 24. Warrant to pay to John Earl of Bath, groom of the stole, from the customs or excise, 467*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* a month, with 193*l.* 1*s.* arrears, for the pay of Plymouth garrison, the expenses, formerly 267*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* a month, paid from the subsidies at Plymouth and the excise duties in Devonshire, having been lately increased by the addition of two new companies. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 183–5.]

[May 24.] 7. Copy of the above. [3 *pages.*]

May 24. 8. Memoranda from letters from Lord Arlington to the Lord General or Lord Sandwich, April 30, May 16 and 24, giving intelligence that the Dutch fleet will soon come out, the ships from Zealand being joined with those of the Texel, but that they are very poorly manned and as poorly spirited. The four or five Friezland ships are not yet ready. [2 *pages.*]

May [24]. Whitehall. 9. Warrant for an order for the effectual payment of the pension of 1,000*l.* a year to Thomas Earl of Ossory, as gentleman of the bedchamber, notwithstanding the general stay of pensions.

May 25. Whitehall. Proclamation forbidding the holding of Barnwell fair, near Cambridge, on June 24, for fear of spreading the infection to Cambridge which is now free. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 219.]

May 25. Hatton Garden. 10. Gilbert Thomas, marshal, to Lord Arlington. They have found out six meeting houses in Moorfields, Spitalfields, Wapping, &c., and discovered when the people met, but have not found those whom they wait for. Asks if they are to continue to wait. Mr. Williams spares no pains, but he and his family are in great want.

May 25. 11. Petition of Jeremy Gorrie [Gohory] and Andrew Gallwey, grooms of the privy chamber, to the King, for livery and board wages, as granted to the rest of the grooms of the privy chamber.

May 25, 11 P.M. 12. Jas. Hayes to Williamson. Is at anchor off the North Foreland, and hopes to be in the Downs to-morrow. The new instructions have arrived from Whitehall, which will carry the Prince with a squadron upon the expedition. Is obliged to wait on him to get an account of things. The Lily has brought in a vessel laden with wine and brandy, pretending to be a Hamburger; but it is sent up for trial.

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May 25. Letter from Lord Arlington to the Lord Treasurer to pay to Lord Cleveland 540*l.*, being arrears of his pay as captain of the pensioners. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 191.]

May 25. Warrant for the discharge of Samuel Speed from the custody of Lewis Dormay. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 185.]

May 25. Warrants to apprehend John Pengelley and convey him to the Tower for treasonable and dangerous practices; and to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive him. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 25, *p.* 185.]

May 25. Pass for several hargemen to bring stores and fuel from Hurst up the Thames for Lord Arlington, securing them from being pressed. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 185.]

May 25. Portsmouth. 13. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Orange has waited three days at Portsmouth, expecting a surgeon to be sent down; cannot understand where such great neglect lies. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 25. Plymouth. 14. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Garland is arrived with two prizes. Particulars of ships in port. A French fleet was seen in the Bay of Biscay. The Richmond, ordered to convoy the supernumeraries from the Western station to the fleet, waits a convoy. Cannot as yet obtain a perfect sea book from the purser of the Sorlings. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 25. 15, 16. Estimate of the charge of Rhine hemp and tar, and proposals for supply of the same, with or without carriage, for the navy; with notes [by Pepys] thereon. Two papers.

May 26. Bristol. 17. John Gilford to the Navy Comrs. Is thankful for his appointment as master of the St. Patrick; promises all diligence and care. Asks permission to choose a mate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 26. 18. Rich. Kingdon, Hen. Rumbold, and George Clifford, Commissioners for Prizes, to the Navy Comrs. Will order Silas Taylor, their substitute at Harwich, to appraise the White Rose and Little Leaf, prize ships, and deliver them to the person appointed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 26. Bristol. 19. John Knight, junr., to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges several indents and warrants. The owners of the Pearl are unwilling to make the King any allowance for the furnaces left on board. Requests a bill of imprest upon the Custom House, in order to complete the St. Patrick for sea. Has furnished the Friezland with ballast. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 26. Cockpit. 20. Duke of Albemarle to Capt. Val. Tatnell. Has had many complaints of Lieut. Peter Edwards, employed in impressing seamen, and wishes him to be employed no longer.

May 26. 21. Leo. Williams to Lord Arlington. Begs an order for money; has done much, discovered several houses where Baptists and Fifth Monarchy men meet, and showed Mr. Thomas the houses and persons who went in, associates of those whom his lordship wishes taken.

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Is confident some of them are at those meetings. Has seen Capt. Hume, who was collector in Scotland, and another in the streets, but could not take them, being alone; must have a man allowed, if they are to be taken that way. Has given Mr. Thomas a paper about some very rich goods belonging to the King, but the warrant for them is neglected to be given.

May 26. Whitehall. 22. Petition of Stephen Chase, servant in the office of purveyor and chafe-wax in the Court of Chancery, to the King, for a renewal of his patent of the said office for himself and his son Stephen. His father, who was apothecary to His Majesty when Prince, and his mother, who was one of his rockers, both noted for zealous loyalty, bought the reversion thereof for him, but he has only enjoyed it since two years after the Restoration. With reference thereon to the Lord High Chancellor, and his report, June 13, 1666, in favour of the petition.

May 26. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 208.]

May 27. Royal Charles, Downs. 23. Jas. Hayes to Williamson. Has received his of the 10th, which is too old to tell any news. They are in disorder, from removal of the baggage out of the Royal Charles into the Royal James.

May 27. Royal Charles, 11 A.M. 24. Jas. Hayes to Williamson. Acknowledges his of the 26th. The Prince intends to get under sail as soon as possible; he goes most cheerfully on this expedition. The Dragon has brought in a prize of sherry wine.

May 27. Portsmouth. 25. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Proposes that a new wharf be built near the payhouse for the use of the Ordnance Officers. Will deliver portrope to the gunners when required. The deals are excellent; such a commodity is not every day to be procured. Has at last appointed a surgeon from the town for the Orange, being troubled to see the ship lie so long for that one want. His chest was fitted and himself on board in 12 hours, when the ship immediately set sail. Fears to have been a little too fast in the business, but hopes for pardon. Particulars of ships in port. [*Adm. Paper*, 3 *pages.*] *Encloses,*

25. I. *Report by Edw. Byland of the number, dimensions, and quality of Edw. Dering's deals.*
*Portsmouth Point, May* 25, 1666.

May 27. Portsmouth. 26. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The tar and pitch shall be landed immediately; though the cellar of the new buildings is nearly full, will make such provision as the time and place afford. Wishes there were better places of reception for such commodities. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 27. The Tiger, Catwater, Plymouth. 27. Lieut. Wm. Roch to the Navy Comrs. In a late engagement with a Flushing man-of-war, the master and mate were both wounded, and are at present in hospital. Andrew Mills, of Plymouth, is now on board to supply the place of master; asks if he is approved. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 27. Dover. 28. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Received orders from the generals in the Downs to furnish the Fountain with a main and fore corse, but had none in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 28. Dover. 29. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Wivell refuses to sign the account of cask; cannot answer for its correctness, having only heard it read over. The fleet is in the Downs. There is great pre-preparation at Deal to entertain the King and Duke of York. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

29. I. *Account of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags received at Dover during the month of May.*

29. II. *Schedule of letters of credit for victuals granted to seven ships from the port of Dover in May.*

May 28. Edwinstow. 30. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Has been employed in the recovery of the Adam and Eve; found her sunk seven feet in the sand, and forbore to weigh her that spring tide, but cut a port in her bows, and took out all the timber; tried again this spring tide, and she is now up, cleaned, and at anchor at Amcotes; reports the damage sustained, and asks what is to be done with her. Wants money. Noted "Sell her for anything." [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 28. 31. Petition of Thos. Whitgreave to the King, for a pension from the privy purse or his county receiver. Preserved His Majesty several days in his own house after Worcester fight, and was encouraged to seek out means of obtaining some signal mark of favour, but has failed, and been at much charge by long attendance in town.

May 28. 32. Note of 11 letters of intelligence received by the fleet [from Williamson] since April 24.

May 28. Whitehall. Proclamation ordering May 31 to be observed in London and Westminster and June 14 in other places, as a fast day to implore God's blessing on the present expedition of the King's naval forces. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 221.]

May 28. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Recommends them to grant a lease for three lives of the parsonage of Sidbury, co. Devon, to Sir Walter Young, Bart., notwithstanding a letter from one of the two late Kings, directing them to change the tenure of a lease of the same, proposed to be granted to Sir John Young, Sir Arthur's father, to 21 years, instead of three lives. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 94.]

May 28. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Treasurer. Hen. Cook, Thomas Purcell, and other gentlemen of the Chapel Royal petition, on behalf of themselves, the pages of the chapel, and boys whose voices have changed, for payment, there being no money assigned to the Treasurer of the Chamber for those purposes. Thinks his honour concerned therein, and therefore wishes full and punctual payment of all that is due to them, on the next assignment of moneys to the Treasurer of the Chamber. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 96.]

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May 28. Warrant to Edmond Bostock, James Augier, and Capt. Gilbert Thomas to demand and receive prize goods which have been embezzled since capture and brought into the King's stores, or lie in the custody of divers persons, to be by them removed into the custody of James Bridgman and James Dewy, officers of the privy purse, and disposed of for its benefit. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 97.]

May 28. Order for a warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver up the Victory, a French prize, to be prepared as a man-of-war for His Majesty's service. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 186.]

May ? 33. Petition of John Stent to the King, for liberty. Was taken from his habitation in Surrey 38 weeks ago, with some neighbours, by order of the Duke of Albemarle, and committed to the Gatehouse, Westminster, but removed to the Tower on account of the contagion. Has not been in arms since 1645, nor acted against government since the Act of Oblivion. Wishes to live peaceably; will take the Oath of Allegiance, and give security for good conduct. *Annexing,*

33. I. *Certificate by Edw. Fitchett, that the petitioner procured his release from the Gatehouse, where he was perishing for being in arms for the late King.* [*Copy.*] *March* 26, 1661.

33. II. *Certificate by Rich. Manyng, that the petitioner preserved the then Bishop of London, late Archbishop of Canterbury's house at Fulham from plunder, his person from insult, and his servants from being secured for wearing the King's colours in their hats, and used interest for him with the usurped powers.* [*Copy.*] *Dec.* 26, 1665.

33. III. *Certificate by Sir Edmond Wyndham, that the petitioner laid down his commission when the Earl of Essex was put out of command, has been serviceable to many of His Majesty's friends, especially to his own son, Sir Hugh Wyndham, whose liberty he several times procured, and has often protested his loyalty.* [*Copy.*] *Feb.* 20, 1666.

33. IV. *Certificate by Andrew King, that the petitioner, then a captain under the Earl of Essex, preserved his house at Wraysbury, co. Bucks, from plunder, gave him information of proceedings against him in the Committee of Safety, and often protested his loyalty.* [*Copy.*] *Feb.* 21, 1666.

33. V. *Certificate by John Trethewy, that the petitioner aided him much in recovering deeds, goods, &c., belonging to Lord Hopton.* [*Copy.*]

May 28. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to discharge John Stent, on bond of 500*l.*, for his good behaviour. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 186.]

May 28. Warrant [from Lord Arlington] to —— Bayley, to make diligent search in all suspected places after J. Petsball, late prisoner in the Gatehouse for sedition, who has made his escape, and to bring him back to custody. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 186.]

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May 28. Privy seal to Lord Arlington for 2,000*l.* without account. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 187.]

May 28. Warrant for the discharge of Rowland Gilbert. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 187.]

May 28. Warrant for 100*l.* payable to Michael Arnold and Nich. Rephnam, churchwardens for St. Margaret's, Westminster, as His Majesty's free gift, towards the relief of the poor of the parish. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 187.]

May 28. Whitehall. Order for a warrant to the Officers of the Exchequer, and the Receiver-general of Warwickshire, to allow to be paid and to pay to the Queen-Mother the sum of 200*l.*, reserved on a lease made 21 Nov. 1661, to Elizabeth, Mary, and Martha Carey, daughters of Henry late Earl of Monmouth, of the manor of Rudfen, co Warwick; on a grant of the reversion thereof made 17 July, 1665, to Lawrence Hyde, son of the Earl of Clarendon, the rent of that manor was not reserved, though it had been granted her as part of her jointure, and she demised it for a fine of 1,000*l.*, and a rent of 100*l.* 5*s.*, to the late Earl of Monmouth. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 189–191.]

[May 28.] 34. Draft of the above. [4 *sheets.*]

May 28. Warrant for Sir John Webster, residing in Amsterdam, to enter and remain in England. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 191.]

May 28. Reference as requested of the petition of Rich. Wine, about his discovery of prize goods, to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, who with the Lord Chief Baron are to report on the petitioner's proposals. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 208.]

May 28. Reference to the Commissioners and Lieutenant of Ordnance on the petition of Capt. Ant. Stamp, for payment of 328*l.* 10*s.* expended by him in making the musket engine, and also for His Majesty's bounty for his encouragement. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 209.]

May 28. 35. Proposals of Capt. Anthony Stamp for raising 30,000 foot more in England on an emergency, at small charge, and without imposing on the government or the subject: viz., to press a journeyman or serving-man from every constable's ward in England, which are computed at 36,528, arm them with arms taken from the fanatics, they remaining at their employments except on training days, and place them under officers who lately served the King; these troops to be ready to march at 24 hours' notice; the press money is calculated at 23,112*l.* 10*s.*, and the yearly charge for salaries and powder and match, 54,515*l.* 10*s.*

May 28. Whitehall. 36. Warrant for a grant to Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lenox and his heirs male, of the dignity of Baron of Cobham.

May. Minute of the above, dated May 26. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 188.]

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May 28. Whitehall. 37. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The Lord General wishes the foreign posts as well as all foreign ships to be stopped for a few days, on sending out Prince Rupert's squadron; orders should be given to night, being post-night.

May 28. Royal Charles. Downs. 38. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Hears that the Holland fleet will soon be out; wishes the King would hasten out the other ships; has only 56, but with 70 would be confident to meet the Dutch anywhere. The Prince with his squadron will go out this evening with the tide, though the wind be against him. The Danes would hardly have sent ships to join the Dutch, for fear of the Swedes. Has not appointed any one to the lieutenantcy of Devonshire in his absence, but sent his orders to the sheriff, who was commonly either a deputy lieutenant or a colonel of a regiment; as his lordship wishes it, sends a deputation either to the Earl of Bath or Sir Hugh Pollard, as the King may prefer. [*Copy.*]

May [28 ?] Downs. 39. Prince Rupert to Lord Arlington. Is ready to go aboard the James, and intends to sail to-night and try to get through the Channel; the victualler has detained them hitherto. The packet boat and all ships bound for Flanders are stayed till they are gone. Endorsed "Received 30 May."

May 28. 40. List of 20 ships and 5 fire-ships gone with the Prince, and 59 ships remaining in the Downs.

May 29. 41. List of seven ships of the White squadron, seven of the Red, six of the Blue, and five fire-ships, that went with the Prince to the westward, when the General was left in the Downs.

[May 29.] 42. List of 30 ships, with the names of the commanders, and numbers of men and guns. [1¼ *pages.*]

May 29. 43. Similar list of 20 ships. Endorsed "The Prince's fleet when separated."

May 29. Royal James. 44. Edw. Seymour to Lord Arlington. The squadron that is to attend his Royal Highness is under sail, but the wind is contrary, and they will have to tide it through the Channel.

May 29. Southampton House. 45. Petition of James Carlisle, servant to the Duke of York, to the King, for a moiety of certain arrears of first fruits and tenths received by Sir Hen. Knollys, Bart., before 1643, and still unaccounted for, to be recovered by him; the recovery will be attended with much charge and difficulty. With report by Lord Treas. Southampton, in favour of the petition, because, as the books of the office were embezzled in the late times, no light can be obtained on the debt.

May 29. Whitehall. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth for payment of all the board wages suspended between Michaelmas 1663 and 1664, those for the master of the horse and several other officers to be charged on the household establishment for the year ending 1665, and the rest,

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which cannot be defrayed from thence, to be entered in a book, when they shall be paid out of such assignments as the present occasions for ready money will admit of. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 188.]

May 29. Weymouth. 46. Geo. Pley to Sam. Pepys. Has before advised of sail cloth and cordage, value 1,000*l.*, ready to be shipped for Portsmouth; money is required for carrying on the manufacture. Desires a credit upon the Farmers of Customs for 800*l.* Has to do with poor men who must be paid on delivery, therefore cannot wait to be paid in the regular course; if once the looms fall, and the men are obliged to betake themselves to other callings, it will be a very difficult thing to revive the manufacture. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 29. 47–48. Two certificates by Jonas Shish of the measurement of the Richard and Matthew, 533½ tons burden. [*Adm. Papers.*]

May 29. 49. Edw. Dering to Mr. Ewers. Begs a protection at once for Mr. Pibus; is concerned in conscience and honesty to be so far just to him. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

49. I. *Humph. Pibus to Edw. Dering. Complains of unfair treatment in the late contract with the masters of ships; not one jot of the engagement is performed; to promise convoy and get none, and to admit of demurrage for want of convoy but not pay it, is breach of conditions; can get no bail, the sum required is so high; must end his days in prison, and leave his family beggars, unless speedy relief be sent. Newcastle, May* 26, 1666.

May 29. Dover. 50. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Is sorry that Mr. Elkin should have failed in his duty; heard that he took extraordinary pains during the last expedition, and lay several nights aboard ship to be ready for mustering the next day; fears to recommend a second person, lest he also should be found wanting; names John Leewes, a Dutchman, and Robt. Smith as eligible; Mr. Wivell is still perverse about his accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 29. Dover. 51. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Refuses to deliver anything to the boatswains and carpenters of the fleet without the General's order; will not carry stores beyond the storehouse doors, except in cases of necessity, the captains wishing them to be carried to the Downs, which would be a great expense. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 29. Plymouth. 52. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Has received their warrant for the master of the Victory, and will pay 6*l.* 10*s.* to the surgeon; the Commissioners for Prizes scruple to deliver up the ship without an order; she can carry six more pieces of ordnance; list of eight ships in the Sound. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 29. Ordnance Office. 53. Edw. Sherburne and Rich. March, Ordnance Officers, to the Navy Comrs. The Coppersmith, a prize, used as a store ship for ammunition at Harwich, needs calking; Comr. Taylor being in town, orders must be sent to the master builder to provide calkers and materials. [*Adm. Paper.*]



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Mny 30. Yarmouth. 54. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges payment of a bill of imprest; the Milkmaid waits for convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 30. Bristol. 55. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Desires warrants for carriage of timber, viz.: to the justices of Gloucestershire for 80 loads; Hertfordshire 70 loads; and Monmouthshire 50 loads. There is great expectation about the judges' decision as to the carriage of timber on the other side of the Severn. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 30. Dover. 56. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Wants the iron promised, likewise blocks, twine, and leather scuppers, but above all the 400*l.* due; the General has ordered 100 tons of ballast, which will cost 18*l.*; wishes that the smacks in attendance upon the fleet might fetch ballast when it is wanted; can hardly get vessels or men to carry it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 30. Royal Charles, Downs. 57. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. The constant motion makes the coming of letters tedious; the next must be sent to Harwich. They have been modelling the fleet; if 79 or but 70 could be got together, they would engage the Dutch. Sir Jos. Jordan is Vice-Admiral, and Sir Rob. Holmes Rear-Admiral of the Red; of the Blue—Sir George Ayscue, Admiral, Sir Wm. Berkeley, Vice, and Capt. Harman, Rear; of the White—Sir Jer. Smith, Admiral, Sir Thos. Teddeman, Vice, and Capt. Utber, Rear.

May 30. Lambeth. 58. George Clarkson to Williamson. Cannot wait on him by reason of his confinement. The paper of the messengers' subscriptions is perfected; if the desired effect can be produced, has both the will and the power to be grateful. Being constituted their attorney, sends their petition, and asks advice whether they should present it themselves, with other petitions, to the Lord Chamberlain or Lord Arlington, to promote it.

May 31. Marlborough. 59. Stephen Gilmore, mayor of Marlborough, to Lord Arlington. Is ordered by James Hickes, of the post office, to send his lordship an account of the miles betwixt Marlborough and Newbury and Chippenham. Newbury is 15 miles eastward, and Chippenham 15 miles westward, directly on the road from London to Bristol.

May 31. The Warspite. 60. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sir Wm. Batten. Has taken in a lighter of ballast sent from Deptford; sends a list of provisions wanted; wishes for Capt. Adrian of Plymouth as his master. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 31. 61. Thos. Perrin to the Navy Comrs. Those employed to burn and grave the Warspite do not intend to pare between the wales; this omission will expose the ship to great danger. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 31. Portsmouth. 62. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The tar ships are being quickly unladen; particulars of ships in port. All the pressed carpenters are discharged; 20 joiners and house carpenters can be

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spared. Elm timber is wanted; 120 loads of the largest and best is offered at 41*s.* per load, but only for ready money. The Prince is in sight with 25 ships. Sir Thos. Allin has sent in a ketch for water and other things for his use. [*Adm. Paper*, 2¼ *pages.*]

May ? 63. Petition of Lieut. Ullick Bourke to the King, to be furnished with horse and arms, and received into His Majesty's life guard of horse, having withdrawn from his cavalry service in Holland, in obedience to the proclamation for English subjects to withdraw.

May ? 64. Petition of John Butler, late minister of the English Church at Breda in Brabant, to the King, for compensation; behaved as a true son of the Church, in refusing to subscribe the articles of the Synod, and continuing his prayers for His Majesty after the rupture, and has now returned, according to the proclamation of April 1st, recalling His Majesty's subjects from Holland.

May ? 65. Petition of John Butler, A.M., to the King, for a fellowship void in St. Mary Magdalen's College, Oxford; left that University when chosen minister of the English Church at Breda, two years before, and dutifully returned, on the proclamation of April 1, recalling His Majesty's subjects thence.

May ? 66. Petition of Capparose, inhabitant of Bayonne, to the King, for a passport for his ship, the St. Peter, now laden to go to Boston, in New England.

May ? 67. Petition of Sir Wm. Davidson, Commissioner, and resident in the Low Countries, to the King, for satisfaction from the estate of Capt. Rob. Honeywood, captain of a troop of horse in Holland, forfeited for his disobedience to commands, for a debt due to him and his partners by Honeywood.

May ? 68. Petition of Sir Bernard De Gomme, chief engineer of the fortifications, to the King, for payment of 750*l.*, arrears due to him on his pension of 300*l.* With note of the said sum as being due.

May ? 69. Petition of Edw. Grene and five other Officers and Servants of his late Majesty, prisoners for debt in the Fleet, to the King for an *habeas corpus* for their liberation, to serve in the present expedition either by sea or land; earnestly desire to be employed in so great and glorious actions. [*Original signatures.*]

May. 70. Petition of Capt. Thos. Thornton to the King, for the Lieutenant or Ensign's place in His Majesty's regiment of Guards, void by death of Capt. McDonnell; his father, Major Wm. Thornton, in the late wars, was turned out of Hull by Sir John Hotham, losing thereby 5,000*l.*; procured 2,500*l.* at York for the late King's army, served under the Duke of Newcastle, and was sequestered and imprisoned.

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May. Whitehall. 71. Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, to order payment of 1,000*l.* to Sir John Heath, attorney general of the duchy, as the King's free gift, for his many years' attendance on His Majesty beyond seas, at his own charge.

May. Westminster. 72. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to grant a fiat to James Smith, who served the late King faithfully in the wars, for the reversion after Mr. Edwards, of the office of Comptroller of the customs of Chester.

May. Warrant to pay to Montague Earl of Lindsey, lieutenant of Woodstock manor, 40*l.* yearly, for wages, &c., of the park-keepers, and 40*l.* for hay for the deer. [*Docquet.*]

May. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Bath, governor of Plymouth, from the duty of excise 193*l.* 1*s.*, for pay of the soldiers added to the two companies at Plymouth from 25 Nov. to 21 Dec. last, and 467*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* monthly, from Dec. 21, for pay of the said two companies. [*Docquet.*]

May. Warrant to pay to Sir George Carteret, Bart., 76,500*l.*, for services belonging to the present war with the Dutch, out of the additional Act for 1,250,000*l.* [*Docquet.*]

May. Warrant to the Master of the great wardrobe for the payment of 5,016*l.* 0*s.* 7½*d.* due to the servants and tradesmen for the King and Queen's service in the stables, from Michaelmas 1663 to Lady Day 1664. [*Docquet.*]

May. Memorandum, [by Williamson, from the Signet books] of warrants grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Grant to Viscount Newport and his heirs of Shrewsbury Castle, with the ground on which it stands, &c.

Grant to the Lord General of 1,500*l.* in lieu of his interest in the arrears due from —— Blackwall for prizes. [*Domestic Corresp., Jan.* 1666, *Vol.* 146, *No.* 81.]

May? 73. The King to the Earl of Bath and Lord Arundel. The late report of the designs of the enemy for an invasion have caused general orders for fortifying the maritime places of the kingdom. Thy are to enlist from the neighbourhood a troop of horse which can be drawn together on short notice, and present a list of officers for an entire regiment, should there be occasion to call one out. [*Draft.*]

[May.] Sec. Morice to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. Henry Wood and William Green are to have the benefit of the transportation pardon, without transportation. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 94.]

May. 74. Col. Rob. Kirkby to Lord Arlington. Has served the late and present Kings with good reputation, but at his own charge, whereby he has ruined his fortune, and is in danger of dying in a gaol,

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unless His Majesty extends his promised protection. Begs leave to raise a regiment, as this summer is likely to be full of action, or to serve as Commissioner for Prizes, or to succeed Sir Chas. Wheeler, or to have a recommendation to some foreign prince, or something to pull him out of the mire. Entreats his lordship's help therein. [2 *pages.*]

May ? 75. Account by John Tooker of the condition of ten victualling ships in the river laden with beer for the fleet. With note that two ships were taken up to carry tar to be procured by Thos. Cutler to Chatham, but he has left no orders about it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May ? 76. Account by M. Wood of provisions remaining on board the Royal Charles, and of what is requisite to complete her allowance for 750 men two months. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May ? 77. Memorandum, [by Pepys,] of various sums of money owing to persons named, of which the treasurer is to order payment, giving the sums due, the sums for which immediate payment is desired amounting to 11,820*l.*, and marginal notes of payment of part thereof, headed "want of money." [*Adm. Paper*, 2½ *pages.*]

May ? 78. Memorandum relating to some of the above payments.

May ? 79. Memorandum, [by Peyys,] of sums of money ordered for persons named, amounting to 2,726*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

May ? 80. Memorandum by Capt. Jno. Kempthorne, that the Lord General desires five ketches named to attend the Royal Charles. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May. 81–86. Account of the victualling vessels, water ships, and ketches hired for the King's service, and memoranda relating thereto. Six papers. [*Adm. Papers*, 9 *pages.*]

May ? 87. Propositions relative to the plague by Dr. H. Chamberlain. That as it may increase again this year, secondary remedies should be applied to the secondary causes at once, and the city freed, if possible, for if 100,000*l.* were expended upon so doing, all parties would be gainers, and the nation generally should contribute to the charge.

May ? 88. List of 21 Commissioners for highways and streets.

May ? 89. Note for Sir Rich. Sandford, Bart., and Rich. Brathwayte of Warcup, to be Deputy Lieutenants of Westmoreland.

May. 90. Account by Sir John Denham and two other Officers of the Works of the monthly disbursements in the office, from June 1660 to May 1666; total disbursements, 86,276*l.* 17*s.* 7½*d.*; receipts, 75,288*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* [*Copy*, 3 *pages.*]

Msy. 91–96. Lists of papers signed during the month by the King; May 7th, 5; May 11th, 8; May 15th, 9, and 16th, 7; May 18th, 5; May 24th, 8; May 29th, 10. Six papers.

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May. 97. Receipts of bills, &c., chiefly from Anne Lady Sherley, 1661 to May 1666, for rent, coals, beer, &c. [*Small book.*]

May. 98. List of the ships composing the Admiral's squadron, White squadron, and Blue squadron. Endorsed "Three squadrons of English fleet, when they first rendezvoused."

May. 99. Similar list, giving the names of the commanders of each vessel, and the subdivisions of the squadrons. Endorsed "List of the English fleet as they are ordered to fight."

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June 1. Harwich. 8 A.M. 1. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. He [and Lord Ossory] reached Hampstead, 10 miles from Audley, last night about midnight; rested three or four hours in their clothes, and set out again, arriving by 7 p.m. They hear that the Dutch fleet lies between Ostend and Dunkirk, and the English fleet on this side the Goodwin Sands; are impatient to reach the fleet before the engagement, and so are going off in a little shallop called the Young Rupert, of 6 guns, 16 oars, and 40 men, to try to join it. In case of falling in with the enemy, will do better than the Knight of Malta in the Victory. [2 *pages.*]

June 1. 10 A.M. Royal Charles, 4 leagues off the North Foreland. 2. Sir Wm. Clarke to Williamson. Vessels are discovered towards the coast of Flanders, 20 or 30 sail, some say 40, supposed to be the Dutch fleet; are preparing to engage them. With postscript, 11 a.m., that 75 sail are now in sight.

June 1. Dover. 3. Warham Jennett, sen., to Williamson. The Dutch fleet made no stop at Calais, but only sent to ask M. le Comte de Charost if he had any commands, as they were going to the Thames; they were seen from Dover Castle tower, lying off the North Foreland.

June 1. Playford. 7 P.M. 4. Sir H. Felton to the Earl of Suffolk. Capt. Shipman, bailiff of Aldborough, sends word that between three and four this afternoon, they espied the Dutch fleet of 70 sail to the south.

June 1. 5. "List of the Lord General's fleet when he engaged," containing 60 vessels, with the commanders' names, and numbers of men and guns in each. [2¼ *pages.*]

June? 6. Similar list, containing 77 ships, with commanders' names. [3 *pages.*]

June? 7. Draft of the above. [3¼ *pages.*]

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Jnne ? London. 8. List of all the ships of the Navy Royal, with the numbers of men and guns in each; also of six hired ships, 20 prizes taken from the Dutch, and 11 fire-ships. With note of the fleet being divided into the squadrons Red, White, and Blue. [*Printed.*]

June 1. Plymouth. 9. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of the Victory; sends a survey of masts; some are wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

9. I. *Survey, by Jostlin Carne, and two other shipwrights, of six masts, brought in by the Friezland and Rainbow, and account of four disposed of. Plymouth, May* 30, 1666.

9. II. *Inventory and appraisement of the Victoria frigate of Rochelle; value,* 2,158*l.* 12*s.*

9. III. *Note by Thos. Scott and two others, of carpenter's work needful for her repairs. May* 31, 1666.

9. IV. *Survey, by John Garratt, boatswain of the Hulk, and three others, of her standing rigging. Plymouth, June* 1, 1666.

June 1. The Warspite. 10. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sam. Pepys. Wishes Mr. Adrian to be master of his ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 2. Dieppe. 11. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Will undertake the shipping of goods at Ostend, if the Board will stand the venture of the seas from Ostend to Dover; promises to draw no bills until the goods are well arrived in England. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 2. Portsmouth. 12. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Has delayed his returns in order to complete them up to the 1st inst. Proposes in the account current to make the port debtor to the declaration and creditor by issues in proportion. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

12. I. *Account by John Shales and Wm. Thorogood of cask, iron hoops, and bags returned into the port of Portsmouth, during the months of April and May,* 1666.

June 2. Ipswich. 13. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. State of the victualling stores; seven victuallers are lading, and will sail to the fleet within four days. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

13. I. *Schedule of letters of credit for victuals, granted to* 13 *ships during the month of May, by And. Crawley.*

13. II. *Account of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags received in May, by And. Crawley.*

June 2. Ordnance Office. 14. Sir J. Duncombe and Thos. Chicheley to the Navy Comrs. The guns furnished by the owners of the George Merchant are complained of as useless; it is impossible for the office to satisfy the demands of every ill furnished merchant ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 2. Weymouth.

15. Geo. Pley, [sen.,] to Sam. Pepys. Hears that there is no hope of receiving a credit upon the customs, but must expect to be paid in course; this may be six or twelve months hence; must leave the goods in the workmen's hands, to dispose of as they can; they have been much solicited from Bristol for their cloth, and offered a higher price for it. Farewell to any more supplies for the King. Tow is now double its former price, so that sailcloth should rather be advanced than the manufacturers have to stop for their money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 2. Bristol.

16. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The painting of Mr. Baylie's new ship is badly done, and her forecastle too long; wishes the second calking had been entrusted to Mr. Knight; by the industry of the captain and officers, she will soon be dispatched. Capt. Teate has set sail for Milford. Requires the number, weight, and dimensions of the guns for his ship to be sent down, in order to prepare carriages. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 2.

17. Information by Peter Harris, master of the Nicholas and John of Dover, and Hen. Staples, master of the Owners' Adventure, that the English and Dutch fleet engaged yesterday, and at 2 p.m two Dutch ships were on fire, and the English General's flag staff shot down; that the English were left fighting at 8 p.m., and behaved very bravely; they were about 10 leagues from the coast of Flanders.

June 2. Royal James, near Dover.

18. Ri. Harrison to Sir Thos. Clifford. Prince Rupert, coming near Dover to meet the General at the Downs, is advertised that the fleet has gone to meet the Dutch, and an Ostender says that he sailed between the two fleets off Ostend, and they were within seven or eight leagues of each other. The Prince makes all the speed he can, with 26 of the swiftest sailers in the fleet, to overtake them before they engage.

June 2. London.

19. P——— to Lord Arlington. The times require great attention to affairs. Though the King's forces are strong enough to meet any enemy, it can never be told on which side victory will fall. Offers service, not from hope of gain or preferment, being abundantly obliged already, but to do his duty and see the great expectations of seditious people frustrated. His address is the Seven Stars, Birchin Lane.

June 2. Plymouth.

20. John Clarke to James Hickes. There has been a cruel storm, and a Portugal ship laden with sugar, oil, and pieces of eight, which was waiting a convoy, split on the rocks.

June 3. Whitehall.

21. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. On Friday morning the Duke of Albemarle, sailing toward the Gunfleet, came within view, by his scouts, of the Dutch fleet off Ostend, and engaged them; guns heard yesterday and the day before tell that they were at work, but the event is not known. On the Friday, the General and Sir Robt. Holmes' flag staffs were shot down, and their sails so

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shot that they had to anchor to get fresh ones. The Henry and and Portland are come disabled to Aldborough; the former, commanded by Rear-Admiral Harman, was thrice chased by fire-ships, and once fired whilst trying to retire, but the fire was extinguished; she had 100 men killed and drowned, and 50 wounded. Harman, who is hurt, only knows that two Dutch ships were fired by accident. The sound of guns went away last night, 9½ p.m.; there is ground of fear, the Dutch having 75 to 90 sail, and the Lord General 57 to 60. It was hoped that Prince Rupert would have joined him from the Isle of Wight, but letters from the Prince show that he was no farther than Dover at 10 last night. There and in the Downs they know nothing of the fight, but the Prince heard that the Dutch were off Ostend, and our fleet not far from them. Lord Ossory and Sir Thos. Clifford went to Harwich to join the fleet, but will probably be too late for the action. [3 *pages.*]

June 3? Edinburgh. 22. Robt. Mein to Williamson. Thinks the fight is not ended yet. A noise of guns is heard on the coast, which is taken for the Dutch flying and the English in pursuit. The people are most anxious for good news; 2,000 were waiting at the post house when the packet came in.

June 3. Dover. 23. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Wivell still pleads ignorance of Mr. Gauden's directions. Waits to complete the accounts of last month by his books. Thanks for the warrant for mustering ships. Mr. Elkin recommended for Gravesend, would be glad to betake himself to a private house, rather than leave his present employment. Prince Rupert's fleet came into Dover, but sailed at break of day. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 3. Plymouth. 24. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Nine ships have set sail for the Western squadron. Will send up their muster rolls shortly. [*Adm. Paper.*

June 3. Plymouth. 25. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships manned and ready for service. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

25. I. *Account by T. Waltham of sea victuals delivered to the Sorlings and the Victory prize.*

June 3. Plymouth. 26. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Foresight is damaged in a storm. Has supplied her with a 1-inch cable from the Victory prize. Nine ships under the command of Capt. Harman have set sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 3. Portsmouth. 27. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The surgeon sent down for the Orange is arrived now the ship is gone; he is to go in the Mary instead. The 2,000 deals mentioned would be a considerable store. Two ships are detained in port by contrary winds; cannot stow away half the tar contained in them; must put about 100 lasts in one of the store ships. Has granted two days' holiday to the labourers. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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June 3. Portsmouth. 28. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Acknowledges the receipt of tickets, but still wants money to pay the men. The Deal prize has taken up much time in her dispatch. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

28. 1. *Petition from the Company of the Macklier and Posthorse boys to the Navy Comrs., for speedy payment of their wages, having been employed for 23 months in bringing up stones from Portland, to build the King's house at Greenwich.*

June 4. Royal Sovereign. 29. Capt. John Cox to Sam Pepys. Wants tickets. Is under sail for the buoy off the Spites. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4. The Milkmaid, Yarmouth Roads. 30. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Is ready to sail whenever the Franakin and convoy appear. Has a musket on board to give notice, but no guns. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4. Dover. 31. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Has drawn out fresh accounts for March and April; Mr. Wivell still refuses to show his books and will only suffer that his man should read them; finds constant mistakes; a man serving in cattle confesses that he was made to sign more than he was paid for; Mr. Wivell is a factious person and acts contrary both to Church and State. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

June 4. Dover. 32. E. Wivell to Sam. Pepys. Has given no just occasion for Mr. Hosier's complaints, but has done more than was required, by giving account of all cask, biscuit bags, and iron hoops received into the stores, which is clearly the joint work of the surveyor and cooper; it has been Mr. Hosier's practice to neglect keeping due accounts, and to copy the weekly receipts from the books, which takes up much time, and impedes business; by Mr. Gauden's orders this is forbidden, and the accounts are read by a clerk, and afterwards duly examined. Mr. Gauden having now sent fresh orders, on complaints made to him, submits for Mr. Hosier to take his accounts from those of the storekeeper, the cooper, and the baker; is willing to give monthly or weekly reports of provisions bought, indents passed, and credits supplied. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages, damaged.*]

June 4. London. 33. Chr. Crafford to Viscount Conway. Paid the 500*l.* to Alderman Backwell, on his note to repay it with 5½ per cent. interest, at 10 days' notice. Is getting in other moneys, but they come in slowly.

June 4. The Rainbow, North Foreland. 34. Jo. Hart to [Williamson ?]. Reached the Dutch fleet at anchor, eight leagues from Ostend, on the 1st. An attack was ordered. Was second to Harman, Rear-Admiral of the White, who bore into the Zealand squadron, and soon the whole fleet was engaged, for the Dutch, seeing an attack intended, slipped anchor and prepared to receive it. The Rainbow was so disabled in masts and rigging that she could not keep up; was attacked by 12 sail, and had 25 men killed and wounded, but the enemy's Admiral ship was made a hull

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three ships were fired, and six or seven maimed; being attacked by a fire-ship, stood near Ostend all night, and had difficulty at length in escaping clear and making his way back. Also,

Thos. Langley, of the Lily, off North Foreland, to [Williamson ?]. Yesterday morning, saw the General and his fleet bearing in, and the Hollanders pursuing, but Prince Rupert coming up, the Hollanders went northward, and the fleet pursued them; the guns were heard all the fore part of the night, and one ship was seen on fire. Had neither men nor ability to help, nor knew whether he might leave his station. [*Copies, 2 pages.*]

June 4. Whitehall. 35. Statement that two seamen of the Royal Charles, sent on shore to Harwich, report that they made the enemy run all Friday and Saturday, till 16 fresh ships coming up to their succour, the English were overpowered and forced to retire to the coast, but Prince Rupert appearing, the English tacked; the enemy sent a squadron of 30 to intercept the Prince, leaving 40 against the Lord General, but the Prince, when the seamen left, was making for the fleet; 14 of the enemy's ships had been taken or fired, and Sir Wm. Clarke had his leg shot off. Capt. Clarke, of the Gloucester, arriving at the Gunfleet last night, adds that the Prince joining the General, the fortune of the day was turned. The firing has been great all the afternoon, till 6 p.m., and then passed further off, which gives good hopes. The enemy's Vice-Admiral attacked the English Admiral, but was received with so full a broadside that she fell back and never appeared again. The seamen bore up with infinite resolution, and several that had limbs cut off had them bound up, and returned to deck to work.

June 4. 36. Draft of the above.

June 4. 37. A true narrative of the engagement between His Majesty's fleet and that of Holland, begun June 1st, 1666, at 2 o'clock afternoon, and continuing till the 6th, at 10 o'clock at night. [*9 pages, draft corrected by Lord Arlington.*]

June 4. 38. Copy of the above, published by command. [*6 pages, printed.*]

June 5. 39. Reports of particulars of the engagements between the Dutch and English fleets, June 1 to 5, 11 a.m., when 50 sail were discovered standing toward the Gunfleet. [*3½ pages.*]

[Jan. 5.] 40. List of eight English captains wounded, and ten dead; of nine ships missing, some noted as burnt, sunk, or taken; and account of 1,500 men wounded in the late engagement.

June 5. Saxham. 41. [Lord Arlington] to Williamson. Has had nothing worth sending an express about, but has received all his letters, written so carefully, of May 30 and 31, and June 2 and 3. Appearances are favourable, but there can be no assurance of a victory, so that all are kept in great perplexity. Will go on Thursday to Audley, and on Friday to London, but hopes to have goods news by the way. His grateful expressions are not lost. [*2 pages.*]

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June 5. 42. J. Knight so Williamson. Particulars of loss sustained by several vessels in the late fight, and the death of several captains. Some of the wounded are landed at Harwich. Account of ships missing from the fleet. The engagement continues, and two ships are on fire. Is going to Southwold and Yarmouth with Sir Wm. Doyley, to attend to the wounded; 200 have arrived already. A fleet of 30 sail is in sight. [1¼ *pages.*]

June 5. Loyal Subject, below Lee. 43. Capt. John Fortescue to Sir John Mennes. The engagement has begun; the enemy muster 90 odd sail; 3 of their ships are burned and several disabled; the Henry, Rainbow, and Swiftsure are missing; his own ship received 600 shots in her masts, sails, and rigging, and had to be towed out of the fleet; has 34 men killed and wounded, and is himself wounded in the face and leg. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 5. Portsmouth. 44. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Progress of the Constant Warwick; is unwilling to launch her until all the joiner's work is complete. Knows by experience that as much work can be done in dock for 4*d.* as afloat for 12*d.*, and much embezzlement saved. Shall buy the elm timber, even at his own cost; there is not such another parcel to be had in the country. The Mary and two other ships have set sail for the Downs. All are longing to hear good news, and preparing to rejoice when it comes. [*Adm. Paper, 2¼ pages.*] *Encloses,*

44. 1. *Account by John Tippetts of masts wanted in store.*
*Portsmouth, June* 5, 1666.

June 6. Yarmouth. 45. James Johnson to Sam. Pepys. Thos. Lovell and his servant Edw. Roe, are at present free; should they be pressed, Pepys' name will suffice for their discharge. Begs payment of part of his bill. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 6. Saxham. 11 A.M. 46. [Lord Arlington] to Williamson. Sends a relation for the King, thinking he may not have had so particular a one. Wants an express to-morrow on his way. Asks if His Majesty is going down to the coast. Sir Thos. Clifford's letter should be called for when the King has done with it, that it be not lost. With the postal envelope, ordering the letter to be immediately dispatched, &c. *Encloses,*

46. 1. *Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. On Friday the 1st, there was a fresh gale, and the next day the fleets engaged. With much ado, he and Lord Ossory got into the Royal Charles by 2 p.m., where all went well, but after a few hours, five of the English ships were so shattered that they had to retire to the ports, which disheartened the fleet, as so many good ships had left the day before, after the first pass, without notice to the Lord General, so that only 34 fighting ships were left. Nothing was to be heard among the seamen but complaints about the dividing the fleet, and sending away Prince Rupert. The General's conduct was very good, for he chose 16 ships as a bulwark*

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*to the rest, and shoving the others in a line before him, made a good retreat, till Sunday the 3rd, when at 3 p.m., Prince Rupert's fleet came up, and was received with great shouts, but in trying to join, several ships struck on the Gallopper Sands; one was the Royal Prince,—she was attacked by the Dutch, and though some frigates were sent to defend her, she yielded without firing ten guns in defence. The Dutch, being unable to get her off, fired her, which touched every heart in the fleet, for she was the best ship ever built, and like a castle on the sea. Such ships should only be trusted to persons of experienced thorough courage. Following up the Dutch, reached them on the 4th. Sir Chris. Myngs and Sir Rob. Holmes led the van. Attacks were made, several of their ships were fired, and not one of the English, and at 5 p.m., the Dutch fleet was fairly divided; part ran away, and whilst they were chased, the rest attacked the Duke of Albemarle. The Prince's ship, the Royal James, being disabled, De Ruyter attacked the General's ship, the Royal Charles, and so damaged her that she was obliged to tack, and unable to defend the frigates, and by unskilfulness of the captains of the Essex and Convertine, which both yielded, several frigates were taken. The rest joined the Prince's fleet; the Dutch cannot call it running away. The enemy were glad to be quiet, having several vessels maimed; the battle was a drawn one. The Dutch, besides ships taken, had seven burnt, and all their men lost. Sir Chris. Myngs and the Rupert are missing, but hopes they are well. Some of the English captains deserve hanging. Many ships got away after the first day, and two good ships that put out to sea went back when they heard the shooting. The Hollanders never before compelled the quitting of the seas; ammunition and stores must be suddenly provided. Money should be brought to pay the men, for they mutter about being 20 months behind. There should also be a new press for seamen, and then by appearing on the Hollander's coast, the brags which they will doubtless send out to the world will turn to their disadvantage. There are 1,500 wounded and 1,800 slain, with several captains. Lord Ossory had the command of a ship, but she was a bad sailer, so that he was unable to do as much as he wished. Sir Wm. Clarke was shot, and is since dead; the same shot bruised the Lord General's thigh. Lord Cavendish behaved very well, and the shallop that brought him and the writer, having six guns, did much good, both in attack and defence. Lord Ossory was received by both Admirals with much respect, and called to their privats conferences. The fleet is now at Aldborough; hopes soon to join his lordship at Sarum. Apologizes for hasty writing. Has not slept two hours in the 24 since leaving*

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*him. Urges the speedy supply of the fleet. Would not have missed seeing the fight for half he is worth.* [11 *pages.*] *Royal Charles, June* 5, 1666.

June $\frac{6}{16}$. Bruges. 47. ——— to ———. The States give out the best of the battle to be on their side. Sent a person on board the Dutch fleet, who reports that there seems to be but one commander left alive, there being only one flag ship, and that there are 50 sail, towed 3 or 4 together, all lamentably shattered, and their sad fates give assurance of a glorious victory got by the English; was on a ship of 50 guns, which had not 20 sound men in her. It is reported that De Ruyter is killed and Trump's right leg shot off. With note by Jas. Hickes that this letter was sent from Mr. Whittington in Hull.

June 7. Whitehall. 48. Account of the late engagement between the English and Dutch. The former must be said to be victors, having driven away the Dutch, though with a much smaller number of vessels than theirs. Prince [Rupert] came in with 20 sail picked from the shattered remains of the General's fleet, and showed great vigour. This victory redounds more than any other known to the credit of the sailors. The Prince ran aground, and was burnt. Sir George Ayscough and his men are taken prisoners, which much grieves the King. The Essex is taken, the Swiftsure missing, and three other ships were burnt, lest they should fall into the enemy's hands. The Dutch lost 10 or 12 of their largest ships, and more would have been taken had not powder failed. Sir Chris. Myngs, though shot through the cheek, continued to give orders till wounded a second time. Sir Rob. Holmes did wonders, and Sir Thos. Teddeman, Harman, and Sir Edw. Spragg deserve praise. Damage was done to several ships. Sir Wm. Clarke and eight other captains were killed. The Dutch disabled vessels are making their way for Zealand. The people are much struck with the valour of the seamen. The Canary Company has sent 100*l.* for maimed men. The noblemen and King's servants are going to build a ship instead of the Prince, only larger, to carry 100 guns. [4 *pages.*]

June 7? 49. Note of the Bull as sunk, the Convertine taken, and the Prince burnt in the engagement in June.

June 7? 50. Note that in the June engagement, the Dutch had 90 ships, beside fire-ships; the English, 57; the Dutch had 6 or 7 ships burned; Tromp's ship and 19 others disabled, many being their best ships; one of their admiral's sunk, &c.

June 7? 51. Memoranda from the accounts given by the Dutch themselves of their losses during the late engagement.

June 7. Dover. 6 P.M. 52. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. The postmaster refused to send the enclosed till night by the flying post, the Flanders mail being gone, so whatever the King's concerns may be, intelligence will not be sent as it ought. Still hopes good news, as there are several reports that the Dutch are pursued. *Encloses,*

52. I. *Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Can get no certain tidings of the fleet. A shipmaster met 70 of the King's ships* 10

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*leagues off Orfordness; and 20 more going to them; he reports that the Prince sunk 17 sail of the Dutch, that the English fleet is in pursuit, and that he heard guns from 8 to 11 p.m. The Custom House boat, which lies idle, should attend the fleet, and give an account of every transaction daily. Offers to go in her and write the news hourly. Does not like to see able seamen walk the streets, when three kingdoms lie at stake. Dover, June 7, 1666.*

June 7. Portsmouth. 53. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has delivered their order to the clerk of the cheque to St. John Steventon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 7. Portsmouth Yard. 54. Ben. Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Has impressed waggons to carry canvas to Deptford, for want of safe conveyance by sea. Must have a special press warrant to the justices of the county at large, for 30 waggons to be sent in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 7. Loyal Subject, Longreach. 55. Capt. John Fortescue to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered by Sir Wm. Coventry to remain at Longreach. Begs permission to come up for the cure of his leg. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 7. 56. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Notes of amendments and alterations in his new copy of the accounts for April, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 7. Royal James. 57. Rich. Ward to Sam. Pepys. Was prevented sending the sea books sooner, owing to the absence of most of the pursers in the Admiral's division, and the excuses of those that remained. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 8. London. 58. Hen. Johnson and Fr. Barham to the Navy Comrs. The Warspite is launched and ready for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 8. Kinsale. 59. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Entreats repayment of the money so freely disbursed upon the sick and wounded seamen under his charge; is at a daily extraordinary disburse for the 300 prisoners of war now in the Provost Marshal's custody, and can get no money from the Commissioners for sick and wounded. Many prizes have been taken lately, but they are so scattered in different ports as to damage rather than advantage the service, whereas if any settled course were taken with them in Ireland as in England, they would more than defray the expenses of the sick and wounded, and prisoners. The seamen left behind from Capt. Grant's squadron have deserted for want of orders for their taking up; the master's mate of the Sorlings and 16 of his men are likely to do the same. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 8. Brussels. 60. Note by Ma. Bedingfield requesting Williamson's favour with Lord Arlington on his behalf, being in danger of having some gilt leather confiscated as forbidden goods; also of losing 600*l.* due to him from the late Sir Art. Slingsby, unless a powerful friend lay a charge on Fras. Slingsby, his sole executor.

June 8. Royal Charles. 61. Narrative of the engagement between the English and Dutch fleets. The English fleet, of 57 sail, weighed anchor June 1st from the

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North Foreland, and soon discovered the enemy, 78 sail, chiefly large ships, and bore down on them in battle array towards Ostend. The White squadron began the attack; details of it; darkness separated the fleets, the Dutch having 4 ships burned. On June 2, after a sharp encounter, it was thought better to retreat, to mend the rigging and masts. On the 3d Prince Rupert's squadron was discovered coming up, and received with great acclamations of joy. Sailing to renew the fight, the Royal Charles and several other vessels struck on the Galloper Sands; all got off but the Prince, which the Dutch burned. On Monday another attack was made, and before 4 o'clock, the English fleet passed five times through that of the enemy, disabling many of their best ships. The commanders of nimble frigates did not do their duty in distroying the disabled ships. Of the enemy's fleet of 90, including fire-ships, only 30 or 40 continued together at the end. Prince Rupert, on the Royal James, showed great courage. Details of damage to particular ships. The Duke had ruined the Dutch fleet before the arrival of the Prince with 20 picked ships, who acquitted themselves well. It was the sharpest conflict ever known on the ocean. Names 20 captains, &c. who distinguished themselves, many of whom are dead and most of the rest wounded. [3 *pages.*]

June 8. Southwold. 62. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. Yesterday five Dutch men-of-war were discovered two leagues from shore, and six more joined them; they have sailed south-west. The trained bands were discharged on Thursday, supposing the fleet to be gone; but some men from the country joined those of the town, and kept good watch, one of the bailiffs riding by the sea all night, for fear of negligence. With note on the 9th, that several guns had been heard at 1 and 7 a.m.

June 9. 63. Prince Rupert to [Lord Arlington]. Hopes Sir Hugh O'Neal has told him particulars of the late engagement. Was once in a posture to strike a great stroke, but was forced off, not having so many ships to change as his Spitzbroder Trump. The damage to the fleet is general, but with diligence all may be repaired in 14 days' time; one man, in a ship on fire, asked the boatswain the best way to be saved; he told him to leap overboard, which he did, and was drowned. [1½ *pages.*]

June 9. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 64. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Is not surprised with the King's dissatisfaction at a claim made by Sir Thos. Clarges to some houses built on a place called the Forhury, as belonging to the Monastery of Reading granted to him. Appointed the houses for the King's servants belonging to the stables there, believing them to have been surreptitiously inserted in Clarges' grant, till a search in the records proved the contrary. Would not otherwise have been induced, for any consideration, to favour his claim, being incapable of bias where His Majesty's service is concerned. Thinks that Sir Thomas would surrender them on moderate terms, as they are very necessary for the King's service. Can give no account of the fleet's losses; they were overpowered with numbers, but the Dutch lost still more. Had only 22 or 23 vessels that stuck to him

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in the heat of the engagement, till the Prince came in. Hopes therefore the King will not be displeased if he displaces many captains. Hopes the King and Duke of York will press the Navy Officers to have the fleet ready in a fortnight. Would he glad to sail before Amsterdam, to hinder their conjunction, and gain a good reputation. [2 *pages.*]

June 9. Aldborough. 65. Rich. Brown to Williamson. A dozen Dutch men-of-war are hovering about the bay, some attempting to sound; think it is either to intercept the Newcastle fleet, or to direct to their own fleet any supplies that may come from Holland. They have caused some alarms, but the people are supine; 100 militia have twice come down and returned within two hours, nor are they fit to do the work. There are many seamen, but the magistrates themselves abscond them. A Swedish ship has passed northwards, with a pass from De Ruyter, dated from the Thames.

[June 9.] 66. The King to the Mercers' Company. Recommends the Earl of Castlemaine to his tenant right of renewal from them, on reasonable fine and rental, of the lease of certain lands near Charing Cross, held by his ancestors on grant from the Earl of Northampton, founder of Greenwich Hospital, of which they are overseers. [*Draft.*]

June 9. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 191.]

June 9. Whitehall. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to deliver up to Edmund Warcup a note for 36*l.* 10*s.*, which they required from him in satisfaction of customs on prize goods delivered by warrant from His Majesty. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 99*b.*]

June 9. Harwich hoy, Harwich. 67. Giles Bond to the Navy Comrs. Has delivered Mr. Pett's materials for Scotland on board the prize ship Franakin. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 9. London. 68. Capt Wm. Dale to the Navy Comrs. Begs an order for his pay due in the Golden Lion, his present ship being ready to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 9. Bristol. 69. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Has paid the sailmaker 100*l.* in part of the St. Patrick's sails. New waste cloths and colours are wanted for the Pearl; when victualled and manned she will be ready for sea; wants money. Mr. Baylie should be told that his ship is not yet quite fitted according to agreement. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

69. I. *List of 24 men employed by John Harris the King's sailmaker.* 9 *June,* 1666.

June 9. Bristol. 70. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Carriages for timber come in so slowly that there is no telling when the new ship will be built; wishes he had never had to do with her. Gives the names of the justices in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, and Monmouthshire, to whom warrants for land carriage must be sent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 9. 71. Note of four ketches ordered to the Gunfleet, of which three are detained in the river, for want of dispatch from the victualler. The Loyal Katherine has brought in 100 wounded men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 10. Portsmouth. 72. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. There are various reports of the battle. Asks for any news worth giving. Cannot find convenience for sending the canvas by water. Has dispatched nine ships to the Gunfleet. The tar is already unladen, so that the masters cannot complain of loss of time, or demand anything for demurrage; has been obliged to stow it away in various places. The poor labourers can get no credit on account of the distemper, and have to pawn the few things they possess to buy bread; everything is extremely dear at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]

June 10. Sheerness. 73. Sir Wm. Penn to Sir Wm. Coventry. Is sorry Mr. Deane should forget to send up an account of the stores lacking at Harwich. Comr. Pett will report what is wanted at Sheerness. No time shall be lost in dispatching ships. The London might have been launched at the same time as the Woolwich frigate and Warspite, had his advice been taken. Men and boats will be wanted. [*Adm Paper, 2 pages.*]

June 10. 74. Note, by John Tooker, of provisions supplied to six ketches and a hoy in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11. Newcastle. 75. Willm. Christian to Williamson. Got home safe with Williamson's brother, and they are labouring to get in arrears, which is no small trouble. Sends up a youth of 14, whom he recommends to him as page, and who will serve on what terms he pleases; his friends will fit him for service, if he may be received.

June 11. 76. Petition of Randal Oulton, mayor, and 42 other citizens of Chester, to the King, to appoint commissioners to take a view of their river, which though formerly navigable, has become so shallow, by the sea working its way into rivulets on the Welsh shore, that it will not bring up a vessel of 20 tons; also to encourage all expedients for removing obstructions. [*Copy.*]

June 11. Whitehall. 77. Certificate by Edward De Carteret, that on warrant from Lord Chamberlain Manchester, he had admitted Jeremiah Houghton as keeper of the armory at Westminster, in place of Jas. Parker, deceased.

June 11. Warrant to Sir Thos. Clifford, commissioner for the sick and wounded, to liberate, at request of Ambassador D'Ognate, two prisoners in Chelsea College, dwellers in Flanders, and subjects of the King of Spain. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 192.*]

June 11. 78. Schedule of letters of credit for victuals granted to four ships at Dover, from March 24 to June 11, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11. 79. Demands by Comr. Peter Pett for stores for Chatham, Harwich, and the ships at the buoy of the Nore. [*Adm. Papers, 2 pages.*]

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June 11. Sheerness. 80. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Will observe the directions about the victuallers when he goes to the fleet. Smacks are provided, so that none others need be sent down. Note of masts wanted; hopes they will be speedily sent down, with 100 workmen and an industrious foreman, for the buoy of the Nore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11. Bristol. 81. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges receipt of the warrants and 100*l.* The carpenter complains that Mr. Baylie is not performing his duty according to contract, upon the new ship; particulars of his neglect. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

June 12. 82. Certificate, by Jacob Sanford and Robt. Ansell, master and boatswain of the Loyal Subject, of the loss of their boat, which was cut away and stolen by two men lately received from the Society. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12. Dover. 83. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the unlading and repairs of the Young Lion; her guns and provisions are on board, and she has gone to her station. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12. Blackwall. 84. Hen. Johnson to Sam. Pepys. Has paid most of the men from Woolwich and Deptford; sends a list of 16 pressed men not yet disposed of. Commends the bearer, Wm. Christmas, foremployment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12. Ordnance Office. 85. Edw. Sherburne, Jonas Moore, and Fras. Nicholls to the Navy Comrs. Send the number, weight, and dimensions of the 50 guns designed for the new frigate building in the Forest of Dean, that the carriages may be in timely readiness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12. Portsmouth. 86. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Golden Lion is ready to sail; the captain desires a spare anchor of 18 cwt.; has refused to give it, as not customary in merchant ships; begs orders in the matter. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12. 87. Thos. Lloyd, clerk of the Prize Comrs., to the Navy Comrs. The Prize Comrs. have sent away an order for the delivery of the St. Jacob and Peace as fire-ships. Orders for the appointment of prize ships to carry Norway goods to Harwich cannot be made positive unless the names of the ships be specified. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12. Harwich. 88. Sir Wm. Batten to the Navy Comrs. Has begun to pay the ships. Intends taking a survey of the stores. The timber in the two prize ships landed as yet is pitiful. The plague is in the town, and three or four men sent sick from the Rupert have died of it; it spreads much in Woodbridge and Ipswich. Particulars of stores received for the new frigates; one will be launched in 14 days, the other in a month. The small vessel for Prince Rupert is nearly ready. A shallop of the enemy has approached almost within shot of the port, but was chased back again to the fleet. It is reported that De Ruyter is not in the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 12. Plymouth. 89. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. The Victory prize is almost ready, but the supplies from the Ordnance Office are behind hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 90. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Recommend a person who offers to discover the loss sustained by the Dutch fleet in the late action, having been formerly employed on like business.

June 12. 91. List of 38 ships, with their captains' names, and the stations whence they are removed, with the names of the admirals and vice-admirals of the Red, White, and Blue squadrons. Endorsed with notes of alterations in the commanders. [1¾ *pages.*]

June 12. Royal Charles. 92. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Wants a commission for Mat. Locke, long one of his secretaries, and well versed in army business, to be secretary at war in place of Sir William Clarke.

June 12. Whitehall. 93. The King to the Earl of Exeter, [Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire]. Recommends him to promote within the county subscriptions of money, to be repaid with interest from the sums to be raised on the late Act for raising 1,250,000*l.* in two years. [2 *pages.*]

June 12. Whitehall. 94. The King to the Earl of Peterborough, [Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire,] to the same effect. [2 *pages.*]

June 12. Whitehall. 95. [Lord Arlington] to Sir Fras. Cobb, high sheriff of Yorkshire. Thanks for his endeavours to persuade the county that the way of loan is better than that of advance. Hopes better success at the meeting on the 14th. The present juncture should encourage persons to go beyond themselves. The advances upon the tax would not supply a penny beyond paying what is already charged on the Act. The Lord Treasurer's letters were drawn before it was foreseen that the loan would take so well, in which case advances would have been of use, but now they are of none at all, and his lordship has sent to his own lieutenancies the same printed papers as are enclosed, to advance money by loans. For satisfaction of lenders, there is daily posted up on the Exchequer, how far the Act is charged and how much is repaid, and 350,000*l.* remains uncharged, so that there is plentiful security for lenders. If all do not consent to loans, begs that some will begin, for if none had paid in other counties till all were willing, not a penny would have been paid. [2 *pages.*]

June 13. Tower. 96. W. Boteler to Lord Arlington. Intrudes upon him with thanks for favours and assurances that he tries to do his duty to government, as bound by the Act of Indemnity, and by his lordship's indulgence shown when he was with him the year before, and confessed all he knew about the company frequenting an inn at Gray's Inn Lane. Would not offend, as his family's livelihood depends on his liberty; cannot in all things conform to the Church of England, but can show that his non-conformity is from conscience, not faction; would not transgress law, and is sure King and Council

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would not let him be imprisoned longer than law requires; has been immured 10 months, guiltless of any plot against King or government; is undone in law practice and reputation, and his estate will not now pay his debts by 100*l.*; his wife and five children must starve, unless he have his liberty or some allowance; begs enforcement of a former order to the Lieutenant of the Tower, that he may have the King's maintenance, so as to satisfy his keeper. [1½ *pages.*]

June 13. Grant to the Queen-Mother of 700*l.*, being three and a half-years' arrears of the rent reserved to the Crown, on a lease made to the daughters of the late Earl of Monmouth, of Rudfen Manor, co. Warwick. [*Docquet.*]

June 13. Warrant to repay to Lord Arlington 2,000*l.* expended by him, on the King's secret service, without account. [*Docquet.*]

June [13?] 97. Geo. Pley, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Requests immediate payment of money due for canvas delivered into the stores at Portsmouth last April, and permission to load the vessel with leather, bird shot, &c., and bring back another load of hemp and sail-cloth; asks for a passport, and somewhat more per ell for the canvas than before, owing to the great charge incurred in freeing his vessel, taken by the French West India Company, and detained at Rochelle. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

97. 1. *Geo. Churcley to Geo. Pley. The canvas ship is safely arrived from Rochelle; reminds him of his promise to reserve 50 bales of Vittery for Wm. Stephens.*
*Weymouth, June* 13.

June 13. 98. Capt. Rich. Kingdon, commissioner for prizes, to Sam. Pepys. Does not know what ships are intended, because the masters' names are not expressed; supposes the St. Jacob to be of Bourdeaux, and the Peace to be one of two ships lately sold and delivered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 13. Tilbury Swale. 99. Capt. Anthony Langston, of the Unicorn, to Lord Bronncker, at his house in the Piazza, Covent Garden. Has spent 18*l.* 10*s.* in pressing men for the Vanguard; begs that it may be repaid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 13. Dover. 100. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has yet in store 48 reels of French yarn, which will spoil by lying all the winter; proposes to have it out in the air, shake the sand out, and tar it all over to preserve it; a mainmast and yard are wanted for the Drake, all there being too large. [*Adm Paper.*]

June 14. Ordnance Office. 101. Edw. Sherburne, Rich. Marsh, and Jonas Moore to the Navy Comrs. The Loyal Subject has arrived at Long Reach, but is very much shattered; ask whether she will be made serviceable for sea again, or whether her guns may be applied to some other ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 14. Custom House, London. 102. Sir John Worstenholme, Sir John Shaw, and J. Harrison, Customs' Comrs., to Lord Brouncker. The receipts of the port of Bristol are very low and are overcharged, so that it is impossible to furnish Sir John Knight with 1,000*l.* out of the collections there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 14. Prize Office. 103. Capt. Rich. Kingdon, George Clifford, and Hen. Rumbold, Prize Comrs., to Lord Brouncker. Ask where to deliver the goods out of the prize ships now at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 14. Portsmouth. 104. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Has two waggons laden with canvas ready to send off; the pressed shipwrights are discharged; it is the poor sawyers who have not received their wages; all the workmen are in great want, owing to the failing of the markets, and the distemper in the town; the unlading of the tar ships has retarded the receipt of timber. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

104. I. *Petition of the Sawyers of Portsmouth yard to the Navy Comrs., for payment of their wages, being heartily sorry for past misdemeanors, and driven to great necessities.*

June 14. The Mary. 105. Certificate by Sir Jer. Smyth, to the Navy Comrs., of John Bishop, surgeon, having served on board the Mary since Oct. 18, 1664, without receiving any allowance for recruiting his medicine chest. With note from George Solby, June 25, for Bishop to have his money paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 14. Victualling Office. 106. Certificate, by Thos. Lewis, of accounts passed at the Victualling Office by John Chudleigh, late purser of the Satisfaction. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 14. The George, Buoy of the Nore. 107. Capt. Ralph Lashells to the Navy Comrs. The mainyard of the ship is broken and cannot be made serviceable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 14. 108. Capt. Rich. Kingdon to Sam. Pepys. The prize ships Hope of Bayonne at Dover and Blue Boar at Harwich are suitable for fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 14. 109. Certificate by Capt. Hen. Dawes that Andrew Hobbs was master of the John and Thomas under his command for 16 months, and discharged his duties very satisfactorily, and in several engagements with the Dutch behaved himself very stoutly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 14. 110. Petition of William Boteler, prisoner in the Tower, to the King, for release on bail from his 10 months' imprisonment, or for some maintenance for himself and family who are starving.

June 14. 111. Petition of Elinor Withers and Joan Halsnorth to the King, for settlement of the pensions of 50*l.* each, conferred on them for their services at Col. Fras. Wyndham's at Trent, co. Somerset, after the battle of Worcester; have received 100*l.* each, assigned to them as a gift.

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June 14. 112. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. Will try to procure the press warrant, when instructed in whose name it is desired, but does not often find such large pretences to procure men come to anything. Sometimes the Duke's warrant has been abused to make profit, by pressing men and then discharging them.

June 14. 113. Account by Theodore Goodwin and Gregory Thorndale of "the accident and misfortune of George Gery, as to the death of James Cliffe, happening the 22nd day of October, 1663." Gery invited Cliffe and other gentlemen to dinner, after which they went to the Rose Tavern to drink, when Gery and Cliffe disputing about a chance in play, Cliffe, gave the lie to Gery, who being a commissioned officer in the Guards, thought it unhandsome to receive it, and struck him with a stick, which Cliffe seized; Gery then drew upon him; Thorndale would not let him use his sword, but Cliffe rushing upon Gery in a rage, was accidentally wounded, refused to go to a surgeon, and for want of care, died shortly after.

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June 15. Whitehall. 1. Petition of —— Staybanck, widow of John Staybanck, his Majesty's late oarmaker, to the King, for speedy payment of 26*l.* 5*s.*, due to her for new oars; has waited several days in the Treasury Chamber without redress; is left very poor, her husband having laid out all his money in oars for the King's service. With order thereon to the Lord Chamberlain to give order to the Treasurer of the Chamber for speedy payment.

June 15. Royal Charles. 2. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Wants a commission for Wm. Pierson to be Adjutant to the foot regiment commanded by Sir Chichester Wray, the place being vacant by Mr. Locke's promotion as secretary-at-war.

June 15. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 3. Ja. Hayes, [secretary to Prince Rupert,] to Williamson. His last letter about Prince [Rupert] was not understood; did not mean to reflect on what had been printed, but added a little more of what he had seen, supposing it very agreeable that whenever this great action is recorded, his name who bore so great a share in it should be well mentioned, as he brought new courage to friends, and astonished the enemy. The fleet is refitting, and hopes in 15 days to be able to visit the coast of Holland, and put an end to their cracking. The Dutch Gazette, speaking dishonorably of the Prince, offers occasion for a word or two. Cannot imagine greater courage, conduct, and presence of mind than he showed all the day, in the midst of showers of balls. *Annexing,*

3. I. *Account of the fearless bravery of his Royal Highness [Prince Rupert] in the late engagement, changing his ship three times, and setting up the royal standard in each ship to animate the men. Those of the English killed are* 700 *or* 800. [*Printed, imperfect.*]

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June $\frac{15}{25}$. Rotterdam. 4. —— —— to Henry Smith, Holborn, London. De Ruyter and Tromp make it out that they have had the victory; at first it was said the whole English fleet was destroyed, 14 ships taken, 18 burned and sunk, and the rest, being reduced to 30 sail, obliged to divide and fly, with De Ruyter and Tromp in chase of the two parts of it. Now it seems six ships only are taken, the Dutch fleet, said to be in chase, comes home so shattered that not one ship will be ready for sea in 14 days, though they say seven days will suffice; 57 ships are come to Zealand, 10 to Goree, 11 to the Texel, and six are missing, though they will only confess to four. Some think the English fleet has put them to flight, but the vulgar believe the report of one of the greatest victories ever had against the English, and have appointed a day for thanksgiving and bonfines; sends their corantos and blasphemous pamphlets, wherein they abuse the English as Turks and dogs; they call them worse than infidels, since they heard of a thanksgiving day appointed in England for the victory, and call it a mockery of God, done to calm the common people, who, if they did not believe a victory, would revolt, and thrust the King and Parliament out. The fanatics [in Holland] believe all the Dutch reports, and flatter themselves that after another fight, their captivity will end. They have had a thanksgiving for this victory at Rotterdam, and pray for a further victory for the Dutch fleet. Capt. John Pearsie and his company are prisoners at Delft; the men revolted and struck their flag by force, being persuaded by some bold fellows that if they did not give up the ship, they would have no quarter.

June $\frac{15}{25}$. Flushing. 5. ——— to ———. Has been to see the Dutch fleet; there are 9 large ships opposite Middleburg, and 50 about Flushing, rejoicing at the sound of trumpets and canons, and working to repair their vessels; the whole city is working diligently. De Ruyter is holding a council of war on his ship. Hopes soon to examine each vessel and to send further details. [*French.*]

June 15. Dover. 6. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Hastened to Dover on receipt of his, but could not stop the letters, the French packet having gone. Asks if the order is to continue. The Custom House boat discovered nothing but some pickeroons on the French coast. She is sent now to go as near the enemy as possible, and bring an account of them. Wants protection for the 11 men in her.

June 15. Whitehall. 7. Lord Arlington to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge. Sends the enclosed by parties who offer to depose against Page for having spoken treasonable words, in order that his lordship may direct the prosecution of the offender. *Encloses,*

7. I. *Information addressed to Council, by John Hawkes, an indigent officer who served in the late wars, was long exiled and now has a place in the Custom House, London; also by Rob. Johnson, a sufferer for His Majesty, who has served by land and sea since the Restoration. Edw. Page, barber-surgeon, of St. Katherine's, London, lately said*

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*that Cromwell's government was far better than the present, and that all the lords spiritual were rogues; he also spoke ill of the King, saying there was like to be good government when the King keeps other men's wives. Sworn before Justice Kelyng, 15 June, 1666. With note that the informants are bound over to prosecute, and that Page denies the charge, and says they conspire against him because there are law suits depending between them. [1½ pages.]*

June 15. 8. Petition of John Pengelly to the King, for the benefit of an order in the Court of King's Bench for his discharge, being bound over on prosecution of Dr. Nath. Eaton, *alias* Theodore Fenwick, for treasonable words said to be spoken by him, notwithstanding which order, he is committed close prisoner to the Tower, on a warrant from Lord Arlington. *Annexes,*

8. 1. *Order for his liberation, unless an information be filed against him, and statement that none such is filed.*
*Cornwall, June* 1, 1666.

June 15. 9, 10. Information of Sam. Bayley, Rob. Westley, and Wm. Barton, clothiers, of Westbury, Wiltshire, taken before Rich. Lewis, justice of peace. Were drinking June 3, at the Lion, Westbury, with Roger Toos, now prisoner in the gaol, when Toos spoke of the sad times, and of Barnard and his wife being carried to prison, and said that by June 25th, all the prisoners in England would be released, for there would be 70,000 men in arms, and the Duke of York being dead (as was reported) there would be but one of the family left. He said there would be 600 horse in Somersetshire, besides foot; that the North and most of the West were engaged; that he was offered 60*l.* for his horse and was to be a lieutenant; that six horses were ready with his; that he expected to be called on daily, and that one who only has four letters to his name would govern this kingdom; also, that the silencing of so many ministers was a burden to men's consciences. June 13 and 15. Two papers.

June 15. Warrant to [John] Bradley to apprehend ——— Thomson and bring his papers with him. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 192.]

June 15. Warrants to Sir J. Robinson to discharge William Goldby and —— Grice. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 192.]

June 15. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to discharge the ship Flying Stag, now in the Thames, which is found to belong to citizens of Hamburg. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 192.]

June 15. Warrant for a grant to Stephen Chase, sen. and jun., on surrender by Stephen Chase, sen., of the office of Purveyor and Chief Wax of the Chancery Court; fee, 360*l.* a year. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 193.]

June 15. Order to the Commissioners of Prizes for a warrant for the payment of 400*l.* each to Sir Jordan Crosland, Ant. Gilby, and

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1666. Rich. Kirby, as a recompense for filling the office of Commissioners of Prizes for the port of Hull. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 194.]

June 15. Order for a warrant to allow to Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the Guards, interest at 6 per cent., and expenses at 4 per cent. upon several sums of money as specified, borrowed by him, for the payment of the forces and other services, amounting in all to the sums of 22,075*l.* 1*s.* 2½*d.* and 7,040*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 194–200.]

June 15. Pass for 20 horses into Ireland, custom free, for Lord Conway. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 201.]

June 15. Kinsale. 11. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Is heartily sorry to apply for money at a time of such emergency, but his necessities demand immediate reimbursement of the sums so long since expended upon the sick and wounded, and fit supplies for them and for the prisoners of war. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 15. 12. Certificate, by Capt. Geo. Erwin, that the George merchant ship was ready, according to contract, May 28, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 15. Plymouth. 13. Thos. Waltham to Sam. Pepys. The Eagle and Guernsey, with their convoys for New England, have set set sail out of the Channel. The Portsmouth ketch has returned from her cruise to discover the French motions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 15. Plymouth. 14. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Sends a certificate concerning the master of the Victory prize, and the purser's bond; the New England mast ships have set sail, under convoy of the Guernsey and Eagle. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 16. Ipswich. 15. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Accounts of victuallers in Harwich water. Provision is ordered down to about ten of the frigates; the rest will be sent as soon as ready, unless hindered by the neap tides, which only leave four feet of water near the town; a quantity of pork is expected from London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 16. Dover. 16. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Hope of Bayonne is quite unfit for sea. Is offered a pink of 160 tons for 380*l.*, or in exchange for the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 16. Dover. 17. Elizabeth, widow of Thos. Wale, to the Navy Comrs. Was allowed, in her husband's lifetime, to provide materials for the shipwrights; Mr. Dawkes now refuses to take the same. Begs that the stores of tallow, plank, oakum, &c., left on her hands, may be purchased by Mr. White, and her bill paid for 40*l.* due already. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 16. Prize Office. 18. Capt. Rich. Kingdon, Hen. Rumbold, and George Clifford, Prize Comrs., to Lord Brouncker. The St. Jacob shall be cleared as soon as possible. The Peace of Flushing was delivered some weeks since to Col. Standish, by order of the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 16. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 22,075*l.* 1*s.* 2½*d.*, for interest and charges on sums disbursed by him for pay of the Guards, disbanding soldiers in Scotland, &c.; also 6,380*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* for other services for the forces, and 660*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* for interest at 6 per cent. and charges at 4 per cent. for borrowing the same. [*Docquet.*]

June 16. Bridgewater. 19. Willm. Seymour to James Hickes. The post comes in uncertainly, sometimes on Thursdays at 5 or 6 p.m., sometimes Fridays, 10 or 11 a.m.; letters are also received on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Saturdays from Taunton, if there be any neighbour to bring them home.

June 17. 20. ——— to ———. Has requested a passport several times, if it be not too much trouble or expense. Thinks it not too much among friends to ask for a reply, yes or no. [*French.*]

June 17. 21. List of 27 ships of war in the buoy of the Nore, 21 in Sheerness by Quinborough, 17 in Harwich, 15 arrived from the west, 10 taken, sunk, or burnt the last fight, and 15 merchant ships hired for the service. With note of an order from the Duke of York for 720 foot soldiers to be taken from the several garrisons, and sent on board the fleet, and of 521 men killed and wounded.

June 17. St. James's. 22. Phil. Lloyd, clerk of Sir Wm. Coventry, to Sam. Pepys. Informs him, in Sir Wm. Coventry's absence, that the Speedwell is ordered to the Downs, but cannot proceed for want of victuals. The Franakin, ordered for Scotland under convoy of the Little Victory, has gone with masts to Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 18. Prize Office. 23. Rich. Kingdon and Hen. Rumbold, Prize Comrs., to Lord Brouncker. The St. Jacob is well-nigh cleared; the officers appointed to receive her must give a receipt. Some young man has been on board to demand the ship, and behaved himself insolently, under pretence of authority from the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 18. 24. Certificate, by Geo. West, mayor, and the jurats of Dover that the James of Dover, lost at the Gunfleet, laden with provisions for the King's service, was worth 110*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 18. Sheerness. 25. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Is overwhelmed with a multiplicity of business, being cast upon a place wholly unfurnished, with about 20 of the worst tattered ships to be fitted; has sent all general demands to Comr. Pett; is glad of the provisions already sent; expects the Harwich hoy, with masts and other stores; 10 ships will be ready to sail in about four days; the Gift and Lizard are gone to Chatham to be fitted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 18. Bristol. 26. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Progress of calking work on board the St. Patrick; her guns are being put on board. Capt. Teate has arrived from Milford with provisions, so that she will shortly be in King Road. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 18. 27. Petition of the Dean and Chapter of Durham to the King, for leave to represent certain particulars, considering the trust

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reposed in them for the good of the bishopric, in reference to their obedience to his letter. *Annexing,*

27. I. *Considerations offered by Dr. John Sudbury, Dean, and the Chapter of Durham in reference to the King's letter. That if the Bishop's burdens are heavy, he has great helps; that concurrent leases are very injurious to the future profits of the see, and cause great entanglements; that the Bishop's receipts are much greater than his expenses in building, and that their learned counsel inform them that they ought not to confirm concurrent leases, when the old lease has many years to run; they request a reference to the Lord Chancellor or either of the Archbishops.* [2 *pages,* 7 *signatures.*]

June 19. Nieuport. 28. John Mercer to John Richards, Temple, London. Has arrived safely, but they were plundered three times in the passage, and have not a groat left. His letters are to be sent to Thos. Hamilton's, a town lord of Ostend.

June 19. Rome. 29. Hen. Howard, of Norfolk, to Lord [Arlington]. Has stayed little anywhere since his return into Christendom. Was too late to go into Spain with the Cardinal of Arragon. Congratulates his lordship's choice of a lady whose beauty and virtue make her so renowned, and hopes on his return, as an ancient and humble servant of his lordship, to have the honour of kissing her hands. Has stayed longer than he intended; a little thing stays or sends him forward, for no friar nor beggar of the country is more indifferent to his fate. [2 *pages.*]

June 19. The Norwich, Dover Road. 30. Capt. Robt. Werden to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has been upon the coast of France two days; saw nothing of the French fleet; complains of the stinking beer on board, and desires that a survey may be taken of it. Wants a new cable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19. Dover. 31. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Is desired by the captain of the Norwich to take a survey of 12 tuns of stinking beer on board. Asks whether any particular captain's order is sufficient for a survey of provisions, without directions from the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19. Portsmouth. 32. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The canvas is all gone, except 12,000 yards bound for London. Is glad the poor workmen are paid; it is a great act of charity, besides the justice due to them. Two galliots and two hoys are employed to fetch timber down the river; from 120 to 150 loads come in every week. Can quite well build a second or fourth rate ship, if required. The Warwick will soon be launched. The plague is still very bad in parts of the town. [*Adm. Paper,* 2 *pages.*]

June 19. The Warspite. 33. Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Navy Comrs. Wants a smack to his ship; also some joiners for necessary works, the release of three of his men pressed on board the Loyal Merchant, a boatswain, and the discharge of Stephen Vaughan from the Priscilla victualling ship, to assist in getting men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 19. 34. Certificate, by Capt. Erwin, of the condition of 8 merchant ships named. [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*]

June 19. Deptford. 35. John Harris, sailmaker, to Sir Wm. Batten. Gives a list of sails wanting to supply the Harwich demand, and desires a warrant for their dispatch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19. Dover. 36. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Proposes working out the French yarn at Dover, instead of sending it to London. Has some great cordage and a hogshead of train oil to spare, if convoy can be appointed to convey it safely up the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19. Woolwich. 37. Estimate by Chris. Pett and Thos. Clements of the charge of erecting a gibbet crane, much needed for taking up and lowering anchors; total, 26*l.* 15*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20. The Friezland, King Road. 38. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Is arrived from Milford with 70 tons of provisions. Asks what is to be put on board the St. Patrick, and where he is to sail next. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20. Chatham. 39. Demand by Nath. Holt of stores wanted at Chatham for fitting out the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20. Ordnance Office. 40. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. Has dispatched orders concerning the Victory prize and Society Merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20. Custom House. 41. Sir John Wolstenholme and J. Harrison, farmers of customs, to the Navy Comrs. Being engaged for considerable sums for the present service, and the trade in the port of London and elsewhere being very low, cannot be relied on to furnish Geo. Pley with the 1,500*l.* required from Lyme and Weymouth, as requested. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20. Loyal Subject, Erith. 42. Lieut. Tobias Feke to Sir Wm. Coventry. Is at anchor, awaiting further orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20. 43. Certificate, by Richard Russell and Simon Nichols, that James Wilch, of Blackney in Norfolk, is fit to take charge as master of any ship or frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20. 44. Petition of Henry Thomas to the King, for allowance from the privy purse; has often petitioned for compensation for his eminent services and sufferings. Is very aged, and tired out with his constant attendance.

June 20. 45. "A list of several Colonels who had commissions for raising and commanding of regiments of horse, foot, and dragooners, as well under the great seal of England as under the sign manual of his late Majesty King Charles I., (of ever blessed memory,) as also of some lieutenant-colonels and majors in his said Majesty's army." [6 *pages.*]

June 20. Grant to Sir Anthony Aucher, of Bishopsbourne, co. Kent, of the dignity of a Baronet, with the usual discharge. [*Docquet.*]

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June 20. Warrant to the Attorney General to acknowledge the discharge of two several judgments against Willm. Scarborough and John Ireton, and of all other judgments against persons concerning jewels, plate, &c. belonging to the late or present Kings, when the moneys thereupon due shall be paid. [*Docquet.*]

June 20. Warrant to pay to Michael Arnold and Nic. Uphnam, churchwardens, 100*l.* for the poor of St. Margaret's parish, Westminster [*Docquet.*]

June 20. Commission for Mathew Locke to be Serjeant-at-war to all the King's forces in England, Wales, and Berwick-upon-Tweed. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 108.]

June 20. Commission for Timothy Blencow to be Captain of the company of foot of Sir Wm. Berkeley, deceased, in Portsmouth garrison. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 108.]

June 20. Prize Office. 46. Ri. Kingdon to Williamson. Is ordered to pay him 141*l.* on Mr. Leigh's account. Will pay the money as he appoints, on his sending a receipt. The Commissioners request a notice in the Gazette of a sale of prize goods, wines, brandies, tobacco, salt, &c.

June 20. Order for a warrant to pay 160*l.* to Sir Thomas Clarges in consideration of the use of certain houses belonging to him in Reading, which have been taken up for several years for accommodation of the servants of the King's stables there. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 103.]

June 20. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the ship St. Peter of Swinsondt in Norway, to Sir Anthony Des Marces, the Copper Slager, for which he had a previous warrant, being fitted out for the King's service. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 103.]

June 20. Pass for William Lockhart, with his family, goods, &c., into Scotland. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 104.]

June ? 47. Petition of John Matthews to the King, for a grant with survivorship to himself and Mat. Price of Lincoln's Inn, on surrender by the former, of the office of Keeping the original seals and making the writs for cos. Denbigh and Montgomery; annual fee only 16*s.* 8*d.*

June 20. Warrant for a grant to John Matthews, jun., and Matthew Price, of the office of Keeper of the seal of Denbighshire, on surrender of a like grant to John Matthews, sen. and jun. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 201.]

June 20. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer to order delivery, custom free, of 70 tuns of wine for Lord Holles, late ambassador to France. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 202.]

June ? 48. Petition of Henry Earl and Lady Ann Countess of Stamford, and John, Leonard, and Lady Jane Gray, three of their younger children, to the King, for reconveyance to the said Earl of the

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Manor of Armtree, and Wildmore Fen, co. Lincoln, which he conveyed to the Crown for the better effecting of some improvements therein, but has failed, and the said lands are the chief part of the provision for his younger children.

June 20. Warrant for a grant to reconvey to Hen. Earl of Stamford, Anne his wife, John, Leonard, and Jane, three of his younger children, of Armtree Manor and Wildmore Fen, co. Lincoln, conveyed by them to the Crown for accomplishing an improvement therein, which has failed to be effected. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 202.]

[June 20.] 49. Draft of the above.

June 20. Pass for —— Browne, with two horses, into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 209.]

June 20. Pass for the Earl of Thomond, with two horses, into Ireland. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 209.]

June $\frac{20}{30}$. [Hague.] 50. —— Roquet to [Williamson]. Is glad to receive an account of the battle. The Dutch boast a great victory, and say that but for the mist, they would have taken most of the English fleet; that they have taken seven ships, and burned and sunk others, whilst the English have not one of theirs, and they have only four missing; that they have 2,800 prisoners, and many more killed and drowned; they confess themselves to 1,800 killed, and 1,000 wounded; they praise the English courage, and say had their whole fleet been together, they could not have got the advantage. All wonder that the English, having so many friends in France, were so ill informed of the Duke of Beaufort's motions. The boarded vessels yielded without much resistance. Endorsed with a postscript [*written in orange juice*]. There are 5,000 soldiers shipped on the Dutch fleet; the French is certainly to join them. De Witt has proposed to the States General that forces be sent to the seacoast, in place of those he shipped; that fire-ships be sent with expedition, and that the promised rewards be paid, for fear of mutiny in the fleet. It was in agitation whether the fleet should sail at once to the Nore, and block up the English fleet, not yet in readiness, or sail through the Channel to meet the Duke of Beaufort. Hopes the English will not venture to meet both fleets; cautions them against the fire-ships; they must prepare against boarding, as in the last engagement the Dutch met little resistance in boarding. Though there is some talk of a landing in England, they should not so prepare for it that the fleet be less manned. [2 *pages.*]

June 21. July 1. Nieuport. 51. Nic. Arthur to Lord Arlington. Is waiting an opportunity to come over; 20 odd seamen have escaped thither, and say that more will follow; they dare not venture over in the packet boat; Messrs. Glanville and Vanderpere relieve their distress, and thus hinder their dispersing, but cannot continue this without order; a vigilant course is wanted to keep the men together. The French seize and peruse most of the mails.

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June 21. Portsmouth. 32. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. Is hastening canvas to London, to repair sails for the fleet. The Constant Warwick will be launched on Friday.

June 21. Portsmouth. 53. Robt. Mills to Williamson. To the same effect. Writes in absence of Hugh Salisbury, now in London. Was recommended by Col. Slingsby, deputy governor of the Isle of Wight, to send the news from the port, and will do it gladly if his master waives it.

June 21. Bridlington. 54. John Bower to James Hickes. A vessel from Dantzic, laden with flax, bound for Hull, has arrived, having spoken with the Pearl on her way from Gottenburg, which hopes soon to be in the Thames.

June 21. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 55. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. Thanks him for doing justice to a brave Prince [Rupert], whose worth will endure praise, though his ears are too modest to hear his own. Thinks the Dutch not so forward as they represent, but it is better to be alarmed than supine; this blocking up the Thames sounds too bold, when there is such strength to make the attempt dangerous. The Little Mary has taken two Dutch prizes; they say the Zealand fleet is coming out, but the rest are too much shattered to be ready soon; are working heartily, and hope soon to send a list of good well equipped ships. Thinks the King of Spain waits the issue of another sea fight before making peace with our King. Fears lest the French fleet be silently going round Ireland to make a conjunction, though some say they have returned sick and out of order into the Mediterranean.

June 21. Harwich. 56. Silas Taylor to Williamson. They have refitted the 18 ships consigned to them, injured in the late conflict, except six, which will return to their station this week. There is a report of a small Dunkirk sloop having stolen on the coasts a Harwich sloop laden with women; the loss will be great, as good women are much wanted in the town. Wishes his brother Sill would come and reap the sweets of Harwich.

June 21. Deal. 57. Ric. Watts to [Williamson]. The sickness has increased so much, that several have removed their families to Walmer; begs to have his weekly letters directed to Walmer.

June 21? 58. Petition of Robert, Bishop of Bangor, to the King, that the Archdeaconry of Bangor, worth 200*l.* a year, which he now holds *in commendam*, may be annexed to the bishopric, the profits of which, being only 120*l.* a year, after all necessary deductions, are not sufficient to support the dignity of a bishop. *Annexing.*

58. I. *Dispensation from Gilbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Dr. Rob. Morgan, King's chaplain and bishop elect of Bangor, to hold also the rectories of Llandifnam and Trefdrueth [Tresdraeth?], Anglesey, the archdeaconry of Bangor, and any other two livings not having cure of souls; with power to change the said benefices at pleasure, granted on account of the smallness of the revenues of his bishopric. Endorsed "Bishop of St. Asaph."* [*Latin copy, 3 pages.*] *June* 21, 1666.

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June 21. Warrants to John Harris to fetch up from Fisherton gaol Dr. Toos, to answer for treasonable words, and keep him in safe custody; and to the Keeper of the gaol to deliver up Dr. Toos. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 203.]

June 21. Warrant to —— Wickham for discharge of John Presgrave. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 204.]

June 21. Portsmouth Dockyard. 59. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Sent the Hawk ketch two days since, to look out for a French sloop lying off Beachy; on her return, will send her to Weymouth to convoy the canvas ship; has spoken to the storekeeper about Col. Reymes' contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 21. Blackwall. 60. Hon. Johnson and Fr. Barham to the Navy Comrs. The works on the Warspite are finished according to contract; beg that a survey may be appointed for her. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 21. The Leopard, Buoy of the Nore. 61. Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Comrs. Justifies himself for striking the master of the ship, for having run the ship aground, and used insolent language; begs that the master may be removed, and some honest, quiet, and able man put in his place, who will not get drunk, sleep all night, &c., as this man does. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 21. The Montague, Buoy of the Nore. 62. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Has made but mean progress, owing to the slowness of pursers in bringing in their books, yet the stock of money is nearly exhausted; begs an immediate supply to prevent loss of his time. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 21. Edwinstow, Sherwood. 63. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Estimates the work needed for the Adam and Eve at 20*l.*, with timber and plank found; begs to be repaid his late charges for land carriage, &c.; asks advice about prosecuting the man who cut the mainsail; three or four more boys are wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

63. I. *List by John Russell, of goods saved out of the Adam and Eve, when sunk at Amcotes.*

June 21. Portsmouth. 64. John [Shales] to Sam. Pepys. Account of five ships victualled at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. 65. Certificate by Wm. Wood and Fr. Barham, of repairs needed on the Loyal Subject. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. Sheerness. 66. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Has been forced to cut masts for fishes; if any fishes are in store, they will be very welcome. The Anne yacht is arrived with the money. Sails, cordage, and boats must be hastened down. The patching of masts and yards is all over. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. The Norwich, Harwich. 67. Capt. Rich. Utber to Sir Wm. Coventry. The 60 soldiers from Sir Chris. Wray are come; 30 of them may pass muster, the rest are newly raised, and know nothing of a soldier beyond having heard of such a thing; cannot proceed without a supply of stores and men. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

67. I. *Account of cordage not in store wanted for the Rupert.*

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June 22. Plymouth. 68. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Garland and Portsmouth are there to carry pressed men to the fleet; those parts keep free from contagion.

June 22. 69. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

June 22. Hull. 70. L. Whittington to Williamson. A Dantzic merchant, who has been long at Copenhagen, reports that the Danish fleet of 30 men-of-war is ready. The Danish seamen are mean, little better than boys, but those from Lubec and other places in the Baltic are good. The King of Denmark has agreed for 6,000 of the Bishop [of Munster's?] men. The Pearl has reached Scarborough; Mr. Coventry is supposed to be in her. A collier was taken in the Humber, and her men made prisoners. Lieut. Page, Sir Jeremy Smith's lieutenant, has sailed with 80 pressed men, and it is hoped that 100 or 150 men more will be got in a little time.

June 22. Newcastle. 71. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. The collier fleet is still detained for want of convoy; meanwhile the colliers have left off working, and if this continue long, many able fellows, who might be useful in the service, will go a begging. The fanatics begin to look big, but no sober person can tell what they expect; it is a shame that so many able seamen are lurking in the town and country, when so much needed; but it will not be otherwise till some are made examples for entertaining them.

June 22. Pembroke. 72. Fra. Malory to Williamson. Will try, as ordered, to give him an account of what passes in that port. The Martin has arrived from Plymouth, convoying a prize wine vessel now bound for Bristol. A French pickeroon in the Severn had nearly taken a vessel bound from Bristol to Ireland, with many passengers on board. A French vessel took one with two men on board, and threw them both overboard; one swam to shore, but it was impossible to land, and he swam back to the vessel, when they shoved him under with their oars, and drowned him. They have taken two more vessels.

June 22. Plymouth. 73. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Nightingale and Orange, convoying two Portugal ships, and one laden with powder for Plymouth fort, have come to fetch men for the fleet; hopes there will be a good supply from Falmouth. Fourteen French men-of-war are at Rochelle, ready to carry the new Queen to Portugal. The capers infest the Western Seas, there being no frigates to oppose them.

June 22. Sunderland. 74. Ben Francis to Williamson. A small Dutch man-of-war cruised all day near the shore, but went further off at night.

June 22. 75. Certificate by Thos. Houghton and Gerard Starch, that in pursuance of a warrant from the Duke of York to impress men for the Friezland, they went at 3 a.m. with a constable to a house in Snow Lane, where they were informed that some persons lay privately, but before admitted, constable Williams with the watch came up, refused to assist them, though producing their warrant, called them rogues, for breaking open houses at that time of night on pretence of press warrants, and threatened to take them to the Counter for pressing at an unlawful time. Thus the men in the house escaped.

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June 23. Colombe. 76. Earl of St. Alban's to Williamson. Was in need of his letter of the 7th, being in some apprehension, though not giving much credit to the unfaithful relations of the Dutch. Supposes Lord Arlington still to be on his Suffolk journey.

June 23. Weymouth port. 77. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Deptford and Nonsuch have been cruising between Weymouth and the coast of France, and have returned with the "old woman's blessing; they have seen nobody and nobody have seen them."

June 23. Whitehall. 78. Order for an additional establishment of [the late Scotch] regiment as specified, till further orders. With note that as many as appeared on 12th June last, the day of their landing in England from France, are to be paid from that day, the rest as they shall be raised; total yearly cost, 20,186*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

[June 23.] 79. Estimate of the above establishment, signed by the King and Lord Arlington.

June 23. Newcastle. 80. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. The coal fleet is still in harbour, and some men-of-war are hovering, waiting for them. The people are very sensible of the King's care in setting forth his navy, and wish there were a press in those parts of keelmen and other workmen.

June 23. Bridlington. 81. John Bower to Williamson. Will always be ready to serve by giving information. Begs a written paper of news weekly. There are enemies' privateers on the coast, and a Holland galliot in sight. The Pearl from Gottenburg was seen off Flamborough Head.

June 23. Langard Point Fort. 82. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The frigates sent to that harbour are all fitted for sea, and will join the rest in the buoy of the Nore. The news about the Swedes is too good to be true, and has been contradicted.

June 23. Harwich. 83. Silas Taylor to James Hickes. Many people say they have heard shooting and broadsides from the North. Fears the Dutch have been too quick for them. Almost all the ships consigned to Harwich for refitting are dispatched.

June 23. Aldborough. 84. J. Knight to Williamson. Experience makes devils wise, much more weak mortals. After dispersing half the benevolence, forhears to give more, for such a spirit has got into the recovered seamen that it will be impossible to return them to their ships without force, and the benevolence money only helps them to run away; six have escaped from Ipswich, and 20 or 30 more are ready to do so; unless some course be taken to intercept these and other stragglers in the country, the King will not be bettered by them; the squadron which came into Harwich has lost nearly 800 men. Lynn, Wells, and the west of Norfolk, are the great receptacles of runaways; 40 were apprehended at Blibcrough; provision should be made to defray them when taken, or the country will let them go to avoid charge; 40 stout seamen are confederated to oppose the imprest, throwing the money into the bailiffs' faces; the magistracy being

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generally depised, by thus holding together, they cannot be got to sea. When ships appear they get together, and retreat into the country till the coast is clear. This is done all along the coast. The sea in the bay appeared red for some miles; the people will have it to be blood, but an ingenious surgeon has examined it, and declares it to be the spawn of fish. Will come to London when the difficulties with the wounded are over, going by Ipswich, Harwich, Ramsay and Manningtree, to keep the wounded men in their quarters till some ship can call for them. [2 *pages.*]

June 23. 85. List of 107 ships under the admirals, with their present stations at the buoy of the Nore, Chatham dock, Sheerness, the Thames, &c.

Jan. 23. Lord Arlington to the Earl of Lindsey. The King wishing to increase the standing forces, lest the time of the year should render the militia less serviceable, wishes him to be reminded of a commission received long ago to enlist a regiment of horse, and commands him to draw it together with all speed, appointing officers, and places of rendezvous where commissioners can be appointed to muster it. He is to send an exact list of officers, that any who are insufficient or dead may be replaced, and to apply to the service with all possible industry. With note of like letters to the Earls of Northampton and Cleveland. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 108.]

June 23. 86. Report by Edw. Prestwich and Nich. Barnsley, commanders of the Two Pilgrims and the Mary, Gottenburg mast ships, of violence met with at the Custom House quay, while pressing a seaman according to the Navy Comrs.' orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23. Portsmouth. 87. Abstract, by Ben. Johnson, of contracts for canvas performed by Mrs. Pley and Col. Reynes, and of those remaining uncompleted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23. The St. Patrick, King Road. 88. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Asks whether the ironwork is to be put on board the Friezland; the surveyor and carpenter have reported on Mr. Baylie's work; the Mermaid is aground upon the sand, but will come off next tide. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23. Bristol. 89. Nich. Danzie and Isebum Holland to the Navy Comrs. Have been on board the St. Patrick with the surveyor; Mr. Baylie consents to do what he formerly refused; no men were at work upon the frigate for 10 days after her launch; have stopped the calking, for that done by him must be done over again. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23. Bristol. 90. Isebum Holland to the Navy Comrs. Has compared Mr. Baylie's work with his contract; will give full particulars before the frigate sails. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23. Bristol. 91. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Has drawn a bill for 500*l.* towards the charge of fitting out the St. Patrick, having paid 350*l.* himself; she will soon be ready to sail; the only want is seamen, who cannot be procured. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23. 92. Capt. Wm. Porter, owner of the Loyal Subject, to the Navy Comrs. Wm. Wood and Frns. Barham have surveyed the damage

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sustained by the Loyal Subject; she is so leaky that the ordnance must be taken out to enable her to reach Woolwich for repairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23. Trinity House. 93. Sir Wm. Rider, master, and four Brethreg of the Trinity House to the Navy Comrs. Find no grounds for raising the price of slops, as pretended by the slopsellers; linen is not so valuable as to cause an advance upon the whole rate, woollen goods being much declined. Think that if the prices formerly settled by the Duke of York be continued, it may be equal between slopsellers and seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 24. Royal Charles Merchant. 94. Capt. Robt. Barnes to the Navy Comrs. There has been a mutiny on board, and the pressed men would have left if they could have got on shore; came down in time to secure 10 of the chief leaders, and reduce the rest to obedience. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 24. Portsmouth. 95. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The rest of the canvas is sent to the fleet; it can be stopped at Harwich, if required; to the poor men of the yard, the money will be as an angel from heaven, for the sickness is spread all over the island, and broken out in the Broad Street of Portsmouth. A market is held twice a week in the yard, where all who have money may provide themselves with food without going into the town. There is sufficient timber in store for a second or fourth rate ship. The Warwick is launched; her men continually run away in privateers coming to Cowes; has ordered the lieutenant to go there to see and recover them, or will go himself; begs leave to come to London as soon as the ship is dispatched, his own business lying bleeding for want of attention. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

95. I. *Demand by John Tippetts of timber necessary for the stores, and for finishing the second-rate ship at Portsmouth.* *Portsmouth, June* 23, 1666.

June 24. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 96. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Have done their utmost not to be behind hand with the enemy, but are in want of 3,000 men to supply those taken prisoners, slain, wounded, or run away in harbour. Beg no delay in furnishing them. The ships fitting in the river should be hastened, and the fire-ships, the sails preparing at Deptford, and the boats sent.

June 24. Portsmouth. 97. Rob. Mills for Hugh Salisbury to James Hickes. There is likely to be a quarrel between the Dutch and Swedes, because the men from an English vessel, chased by the Dutch near Hamburg, ran ashore on Swedish land, and the Dutch pursued and took both men and goods; they have given up the men but refuse the goods, which the Swedes take ill, and have stopped a small vessel going from Amsterdam to Hamburg. A fleet of ships, supposed to be English, was seen off Dunkirk.

June 24. Falmouth. 98. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The master of a collier, taken by a French pickeroon, has redeemed his vessel, and returned from Rochelle, whither he went as pledge for payment of the money.

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He says the French fleet is not there, but at Lisbon. There are 12 great ships to carry over the Queen of Portugal, and return with the French fleet. Many guns were shot in honour of a victory of the Dutch over the English, who are said to have lost 20 ships, while the Dutch have 150 in harbour. There was shooting to the eastward on the 22d; some say it was thunder. There has been great press for seamen, and to-morrow 50 soldiers will be drawn from Pendennis Castle for the fleet. The Nightingale is to carry away the men pressed in that country.

June 24. Berwick. 99. Mark Scott to Williamson. The woman, on whom the wild doctor tried an unheard of experiment to cure the dropsy, has died since. Two of the enemies' privateers are cruising between Coquet Island and Holy Island, but have done no harm; 100 soldiers from the garrison are to be sent to the fleet next week, generally brave firemen.

June 24. Berwick. 100. Robt. Bindlos to Williamson. Thanks for letters. Will report anything worth notice in those parts.

June 24. Sunderland. 101. Ben. Francis to Williamson. The Dutch prisoners on board an Ipswich vessel lying at Shields plotted with prisoners on board other ships in the harbour to kill the master, secure the rest in their cabins, and carry away the ship, but were discovered by a Scot of their own party, and are all now secured in Tynemouth Castle.

June 24. Buoy of the Nore. 102. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. The Prince and Duke send an answer to Lord Arlington. Wonders that no mode of correspondence has been settled, but the letters forced to go by accidental means. Either the Dutch have not had such an impression made on them as was supposed, or they have made great dispatch to be able to get out so soon. Hopes there is no ground for fear, if the Admiral's letters receive speedy and effectual answer.

June 24. July 4. 103. B. G. [Bevill Granville] to Williamson. Sends the enclosed to show the boast of those beasts; being printed, they are much believed by the vulgar. Reminds him of the letters of the person suspected, who corresponds with De Ruyter.

June 24. Languard Point Fort. 104. Lieut. Edward Suckley to James Hickes. There are only five frigates left in the harbour, and they are to sail in a few days, being almost fitted for sea. It is reported that 40 sail of brave frigates from the King of Sweden are coming for the King's service against the Dutch. The sickness increases at Harwich.

June 24. Dover. 105. Wm. Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. Capt. Riddle, commander of the Duke of Richmond's pleasure boat, met two capers off Newport, which he thinks are spies lying about the coast; one he chased ashore and the other escaped.

June 24. 9 P.M. 106. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. The Dutch say they have 85 ships under sail, but only 78 could be counted; they have 2,500 soldiers and 500 seamen reinforcements; they talk of a stratagem by means of the French, which is to ruin the English; they expect 15 vessels more, when they are at sea. The English have 48 sail in the buoy of the Nore, and 24 at Sheerness.

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June 24. Westminster. 107. L. Hugh Squier to Lord Arlington. Asks leave to wait on him, as the patron of the country, to impart some discourse of treasonable practices which he chanced to hear.

June 24. 108. L. Hugh Squier to [Williamson ?] The common voice is that not a tenth of England's strength is employed, though they should fight with all their strength or not at all; that a new tax on superfluities would cause the poor to pay their charge more cheerfully, as a captain's hardships encourage men to be content; that a press through England would raise 30,000 men who want such work, and encourage watermen when they saw others take a share, and in two months, they would become able seamen. Prays God to direct King and councillors. Has shown his loyalty by lending the King 2,000*l.* on tallies, and sifting out the ways of those that are against him. *Encloses,*

108. I. *Information by Hugh Squier. Heard three men of quality, one seemingly a Dutchman, rejoice that the Dutch had done so well, and attribute it chiefly to the care and diligence of Maurice Thompson and his brother Major, in supplying them with information of the motions of the English fleet; they said these men served much better than Scott for his* 1,000 *guilders a year. Finds that Maurice Thompson was always violent against kingly government, was intimate with the Protector, sat on some of the high courts of justice, and sentenced some beheaded lords to death, so that he is incapable of bearing any office. He was a poor man in Virginia, but got a great estate, chiefly from the King's party. He, Hugh Peters, and Nich. Corsellis, a Dutchman, went over in the beginning of the war, to collect money in Holland for the distressed Protestants in Ireland, and was always in great favour with the Dutch. As to Major, can hear of no one of that name but a rich Mr. Major, who married his daughter to the Protector's son Richard, but he is no brother of Maurice Thompson, so thinks they must mean his brother Major Rob. Thompson, who was so great with Cromwell that he had nearly married his daughter: he began with nothing, rose high enough to purchase* 2,200*l. a year in bishops' lands, and lost it on the Restoration, so that he brags that he hates not the persons but the office of bishops; he is bold, full of malice, and embittered against government; he was six or seven years a navy commissioner for the Protector, so that he knows all the ways of the navy, and is thus able to commit this treason. Thinks their houses should be searched, and Council should consider whether to seize them. Asks directions in case he should again meet the three men whose discourse he heard.* [2 *pages, with postscript in cypher undecyphered.*]

*Westminster,* 24 *June,* 1666.

108. II. *Account of two other brothers of these Thompsons: George, who lost his leg fighting against the King, but got*

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*a great estate. When the army had fallen into the posture of a brand-iron, with the Rump in the middle, threatening a battle royal, Haslerigg and Morley to support the Rump, and Lambert and his party to pull them down, this Col. George Thompson was with some thousands in St. George's-in-the-Fields, Southwark, and with Bibles in their hands, and good swords also, they declared for King Jesus, which signified what they pleased, except King Charles. "Endorsed, Col. G. Thompson, of Southwark, a millenary, &c."* 24 *June*, 1666.

June 25. Warrant to Bradley to apprehend Colonel Mosie. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 204.]

June 25. Norwich. 109. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Quarter day being past, will gratify Mr. Williamson and his clerks next post. There has been a press in the city, and 60 or 80 stout seamen and others have been taken.

June 25. Weymouth. 110. John Pocock to Williamson. Writes every post, but fears his letters miscarry, and begs examination of the cause. Finds in the Current Intelligence the same news from Weymouth which he writes. A Portuguese ship, laden with sugar, has sailed for London, under convoy of the Nonsuch.

June 25. Cradock. 111. James Scudamore to James Hickes. Will pay the expected salary in London in ten days, and kiss Mr. Williamson's hands. Asks the time and place of rendezvous for the fleet going out to sea.

June 25. Lynn. 112. F. B[odham] to Williamson. A dogger has come for seamen for the Fairfax. The Swallow is also taking seamen for the navy, and convoying some small vessels with provisions. Lord Townsend, the lord lieutenant, has been to order the conveyance of impressed men; 100 have been pressed in Lynn, and 100 in the villages about. No ships have left the port since the engagement, nor will do till another be over, so that there is no intelligence from sea.

June 25. Pembroke. 113. F. Malory to James Hickes. The post is not regular, the salary being so small; all the gentlemen of the country receive their letters before the town does; if it could be made 20*l.* a year, substantial men might be had, Wrote to the captain of a French pickeroon in the Severn that an account would be given of his proceedings, on which he weighed anchor and ran away.

June 25. 114. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

June 25. Pendennis. 115. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. They are busy pressing men for the fleet, but the country is very slack; 50 men are to be drawn from the garrison, who are ready to serve on the fleet, and will go on the Nightingale. Hopes they will do credit to their officers.

June 25. 116. P—— to Lord Arlington. There is a great buzz of those who magnify the power and prudence of the enemy, and say that

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without a wonderful Providence, there will be worse confusions and troubles than ever yet seen. Advises that Exeter Castle be fortified and garrisoned; 1,000*l.* would do it, and the deputy lieutenants have more than that in hand; the county militia would man it; it lies on the greatest road to the west; stores might be put there, and subjects kept secure; there is no garrison near, except Plymouth, which is 40 miles off; there is much disaffection in the town, as shown by almost all the corporation and ministers refusing the subscription, and by the people's sullenness because the Bishop, Dean, and two country gentlemen are made justices of peace within their jurisdiction. All places on that coast should be put in a posture of defence, and not too much reliance placed on trained bands; fit men should be appointed to command on occasion, and suspicious persons secured. Has no aims nor hopes beyond doing his duty. [2 *pages.*]

June ? 117. Petition of Thomas Earl of Berkshire to the King, for payment of his pension; the Yorkshire receipts, on which it was assigned four years ago, are so overcharged that he can have no relief, and is in danger of losing his house, the only retreat for himself and family.

June 25. Westminster. 118. The King to the Lord Treasurer and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer. A grant was made 12 April, 1662, to Thomas Earl of Berkshire of 8,000*l.*, to be paid by 1,000*l.* a year, from the revenues in Yorkshire, but he has received no payment thereon, the said revenues having since been made part of the jointure of the Queen. On May 9, 1663, the Earl and Sir Thomas, and Lady Greaves, to whom he had assigned the said grant, conveyed it for 3,000*l.* and other considerations to Lady Eliz. Howard, now Lady Eliz. Dryden, intending 3,000*l.* to be paid to her and 5,000*l.* to the said Earl; the 1,250*l.* already due, and the 1,750*l.* still to become due, are therefore to be paid to the said Lady Eliz. Dryden, and 5,000*l.* to the said Earl, by quarterly payments, from the revenues of cos. Somerset and Dorset, or such other counties as may most conveniently bear the same. [*Copy.*]

June 25. Rydal. 119. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. Communicated his letters to the Commissioners, but most of the monied men there, having been anti-royalists, are very cool to lend, and the more because of fanatic reports of the French having landed in Devonshire, Ireland, or Scotland. This should rather inflame true Englishmen to lend. The late encrease of above a third of the rate of the county, and the decay of the woollen trade cause difficulties in advancing money.

June 25. Keynsham, near Bristol. 120. Thos. Bridges to Williamson. Thanks for his favours, which are lodged in a faithful treasury, ready to make a return. Begs his commands; sends service to Lord Arlington.

June 25. Truro. 121. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The Nightingale, having taken up some men, is going to the fleet in the Nore, and will convoy a Canary ship and a vessel laden with rice to London.

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June 25. Whitehall. 122. Petition of Charles Earl of Derby to the King, for a grant to him and his heirs of all silver mines which may be discovered in the Isle of Man, and might be considered mines royal, His Majesty's predecessors having granted the island, with all its regalities, to his ancestors. With reference thereon to Lord Treas. Southampton; his report, June 28, requesting leave to consult Lord Ashley, who has a commission to treat about leases for mines; and a further report, after such consultation, July 23, recommending the grant of the petition, reserving a 20th of the profits to the Crown.

June 25. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 210.]

June 25. 123. Petition of Charles Gifford to Lord Arlington, for the command of a troop of horse in the Earl of Lindsey's regiment, one of the three now raising for His Majesty's service, which Sir Wm. Blakeston is disabled by a rupture from commanding.

June 25. Royal Charles. 124. Duke of Albemarle to Lord [Arlington]. They are preparing to give the Dutch a welcome, which will not be acceptable to them, but doubts their courage to try it. Could easily dispose of 2,000 soldiers more.

June 25. Royal Charles. 125. Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Recommends the petition of the soldiers in his regiment, and requests that the money may be paid to Capt. Waterhouse. The officers have been out of purse in supplying them with clothes. *Encloses,*

125. I. *Petition of John Milton and four other soldiers in his regiment of Foot Guards, to the Duke of Albemarle, to obtain payment of their tickets due for service as corporals or able seamen on board the Loyal Merchant and three other ships, in the late engagement with the Dutch. The Navy Comrs. refuse to pay them otherwise than as soldiers.*

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June 26. 1. Thos. Perring to the Navy Comrs. Ten calkers can be spared from Woolwich and six from Deptford, to finish the Warspite. Wants joiners, also a bedstead and tables. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 26. Plymouth. 2. Account of cask, staves, and iron hoops returned into the stores at Plymouth since January 1, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 26. Sheerness. 3. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Boatswains and carpenters' stores must be immediately hastened down to complete the furnishing of the fleet. The ships at the buoy of the Nore are nearly ready. The old sails sent to Woolwich and Deptford for repair are much wanted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 26. Dover. 4. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Six bolts of the Ipswich canvas stolen out of the storehouse during the height of the plague, nine months ago, have just been discovered, hidden in the house of Gill, a cooper; bond is taken for his appearance at the next sessions; is willing to appear as a witness; the Governor of Dover Castle is a fit person to manage the business. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 26. Whitehall. Order for a warrant to pay 40,000*l.* to George Cock, for the sick and wounded and for French and Dutch prisoners, out of the 1,250,000*l.* granted as a royal aid. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 204–5.]

June 26. St. James's. 5. Warrant from the Duke of York to Sir Chichester Wray, Bart., to order his own company of the Duke's regiment to march from Southwark to Quinborough, and quarter there till further orders.

June 26. Whitehall. Sec. Morice to the Governors of Forts and Garrisons. There being apprehensions of danger from sudden invasion, the King wishes them to use all industry to have their works repaired, fortified, and victualled for two months, and to fill up the allotted number of soldiers. The navy victualler will be ordered to lodge salt and victuals in the garrison. With note that this letter was sent to the several governors of Portsmouth, Plymouth, Tynemouth, Dover, and Hull, and also, without the clause of supply from the navy victualler, to the governors of Pendennis, Berwick, Scarborough, Landguard Fort, Isle of Wight, and Holy Island. [*Ent. Book* 14, *pp.* 98–9.]

June 26. Plymouth. 6. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. A Hamburgher laden with pipe-staves, bound for Spain, reports the Channel clear of ships. The Garland has taken for the fleet from Plymouth fort and island 65 soldiers, who went with great alacrity, also some pressed seamen, and is ready to sail for the fleet.

June 26. Deal. 7. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Thinks the Flonkin cannot be out, or the English coast would be his first anchor; watch and ward are well kept in those parts. Col. Titus has gone from his castle to London.

June 26. Hull. 8. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The captain of a Swedish vessel reports that the Danes have 30 men-of-war all fitted; Sweden has 40, but not ready nor manned. The Danes have more money and pay better than the Swedes. He met the Danish Admiral Audeler, coming from Holland with nine men-of-war, who told him the Hollanders had got a great victory, taken or sunk 20 ships, taken the two admirals, and beaten the English out of the sea; such reports are sent to Gottenburg and Hamburg, for the Dutch trade into Sweden and the Baltic, as though they had no war; this was before any news of the fight could have reached them. Audeler told him he was free from the Holland men-of-war, but bade him beware of French privateers; one of these did pursue him into the Humber, but left him on sight of a large ship. Audeler's ships were old, and neither well manned nor gunned. Several Hull merchant ships went out with the Pearl, but she would take charge of none. French privateers are daily seen in the Humber. [2 *pages.*]

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June 26. Kinsale. 9. Denis Fowler to James Hickes. There are 35 sail seen near, either the Virginia fleet coming home, or the French, who have carried away all the prizes that Capts. Grant, Ball, and Coutry carried away into the west; some of the men put ashore have come to Kinsale. Capt. Grant has not been heard of for three weeks.

June 26. Dover Castle. 10. Capt. John Strode to Lord Arlington. The Dutch fleet have their pilots on board, and will sail in 24 hours for the Downs and the mouth of the Thames. Some Scotch and English are coming over, all passing for German, and among them the Duke of Brandenburg's secretary; will try to discover their papers, and where they intend to reside.

June 26. Dover. 11. R. S. to Williamson. Normandy and Picardy are packed with soldiers, horse and foot. The Swede, with 25 stout ships, waits the Dane's motions. The Dutch are reported to be at sea to the north, with 30 or 40 sail, but it is not likely they could be spared from the fleet, which has 60 stout ships ready to sail. De Ruyter has anchored, and drums are beating for all to come on board on pain of death. Particulars of their fleet; they have taken pilots for the Thames, hoping to fire the English fleet.

June 26. Dover. 12. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Sends a letter from [Edmund Custis, at] Bruges, reporting the Dutch ready to put to sea with 60 stout ships. De Ruyter and the Vice-Admiral have anchored at the head of 26 sail; they are to have 24 fire-ships. Sir Wm. Swan is waiting to sail from Ostend. A Dutch scout has been spoiled by the Lenox, now called the Dover Castle. Has sent expresses to the Duke of Albemarle, Lord Arlington, and Sir Wm. Coventry.

June 26. Margate. 13. John Smith to Williamson. A volunteer troop of 70 horse met there last week, under Lieut.-Col. Wm. Rooke, and will increase to 80. Good guard of horse and foot is kept nightly along the coast, and the frigates are very watchful, but no enemies are yet heard of.

June 26. Southwold. 14. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. The Henry's ketch went on to Yarmouth, but got only four pressed men; there are 20 at Yarmouth, but the bailiffs keep them in prison for want of a warrant from Lord Townsend to deliver them. Southwold is to be searched house by house for men. Particulars of vessels passing. Serjeant Knight came to see if the wounded men were carefully dressed, found them in good posture, gave them 20s. sent by a gentleman, and commended the surgeons. This care for the seamen makes them express much forwardness.

June 26. Harwich. 15. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Spy and Galliot hoy, sent to view the enemy's readiness, were chased by three men-of-war, but saw no others; there are 18 English ships gone, and the Rupert

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and Bristol will soon sail; good dispatch has been made at Harwich, and doubtless in other yards. Asks after his brother Silence Taylor.

June 26. Newcastle. 16. Rich Forster to Williamson. The collier fleet of 120 sail continues in harbour, for want of convoy. There are divers men-of-war on the coast, some great ships.

June 26. Canterbury. 17. Thos. Ockman, mayor of Canterbury, to Thos. Hardress, recorder of Canterbury, at London. A Dutch captain, much suspected of correspondence with Holland, frequents the house of Widow Gill, where the fanatics of Canterbury resort to him. Hears that he has a protection from the Duke of York. Begs care that he may be removed from the city and secured, or the consequences may be very mischievous.

June 26. Plymouth. 18. John Clarke to Williamson. There are 70 soldiers drawn out of the fort and island for sea service; most of them volunteered to go, and they will embark on the Garland and Portsmouth, with some pressed seamen.

June 27. 19. Katherine Johnson to the King. The safety of his fleet and loss of his crown are concerned, if her letter be not attended to. Lord Monk is not fit to be a general; went to Lady Monk in October 1665, to get her to speak to her lord, as general of the city and nation, and much concerned in the Dutch war, to go into the city next fast day to fast and pray with them, but he only fasted and prayed in his own house. The general, who almost by miracle brought in His Majesty in peace, should not have been sent to shed blood. Begs His Majesty to send for him home, to pray with his people and repent with his Council, and seek the blessing of a peacemaker rather than conquest. Had she been examined, the nation would have been settled ere now. Endorsed "A fanaticke letter"

June 27. Norwich. 20. [Thos. Cone] to Williamson. There has been press of seamen two or three days, and a parcel of stout able blades picked up, who will be sent aboard the Admiral's ketch, Yarmouth Roads.

June 27. Lyme. 21. Anthony Thorold to Williamson. The Sorlings sent a boat into the road, which carried several seamen aboard. The Deptford is expected to convoy vessels laden with provisions for Jersey.

June 27. Bridgewater. 22. W. Symons to James Hickes. There have been terrible thunder, lighning, and hail storms.

June 27. Chester. 23. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Finding the words and actions of which Col. Witter accused Cowper proved, ordered Cowper to stand an hour at the high cross, with the words he spoke in capital letters on his head, and to acknowledge the wrong done to the colonel. Has bound him over to appear at the assizes, in case further punishment should be ordered. Will try to apprehend

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many who have lately spoken seditious words and hide themselves. Col. Witter is in favour with the General, for service done the King in Scotland. *Encloses,*

23. I. *Col. Joseph Witter to Sir Geoffrey Shakerley. Was reproached by John Cowper for joining with Monk in Scotland, causing the men to shout at St. Johnston's and betraying the old interest. Told Cowper if he were not sensible of the good done by leading him to his duty, in the happy restoration, he should answer his words before the governor, on which he called him rogue, and struck him several times. Charged the bystanders to apprehend him, but he rode away. Requests his punishment.* [*Copy.*]
*June* 25, 1666, 5 *a.m.*

June 27. Sunderland. 24. Ben. Francis to Williamson. A Dutch pickeroon of 20 guns is within a league of the harbour.

June 27. Falmouth. 25. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickes. A vessel near shore sent a boat in for water, on which an alarm was raised there and at Pendennis, of the French landing at the Lizard; many beacons were fired and several hundreds of country people were up, many of the fanatics being forward to take up arms and defend their country. Capt. Pendarvis, with his company, has gone to spend his 14 days in Pendennis Castle. The Eagle and Guernsey have returned to Falmouth, after convoying the New England fleet 100 leagues. Some Ostender told them the French fleet had returned from Lisbon to France. They brought in a French prize, laden with tallow, hides, &c., from Ireland, but she pleads a protection from the Duke of York. With postcript giving particulars of the false alarm.

June 27. Falmouth. 26. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and part of his letter to Hickes of June 24.

June 27. Pendennis. 27. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Nightingale takes in pressed men daily; the garrison soldiers are ready to go on board to sail for the fleet. There was a false alarm and beacons were fired at the Lizard, because a poor boat, laden with seamen who kept off for fear of a press, came into shore for relief. Beaufort is said to be in Cadiz Bay, with 12 sail. Particulars of other vessels.

June 27. Dover. 28. R. S. to Williamson. It is reported from Calais that the governor is ordered to draw down all the forces and ship them on board the Holland fleet, of 110 sail and 42 fire-ships, which will pass the Channel westward and join the French fleet, of which there is no certain news yet. The Danes cannot put to sea, having only six vessels ready and wanting men; the enemy should be closely watched, as but for a surprise the last time, the business had been totally done.

June 27. Weymouth. 29. John Pocock to James Hickes. A fleet of 13 small ships, bound for English ports, has passed westward, convoyed by the Hawk. Complains of the miscarriage of his letters. With note from Hickes to Williamson relative to the fault about the letters.

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June 27. Stoneleigh. 30. Chas. Duckworth to James Hickes. Will send Mr. Williamson's clerks the same gratuity from "my lord" usually sent to Mr. Muddiman, which is 50*s.* the half-year; named this before any letters of intelligence came.

June 27. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 31. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. The buoy of the Nore begins to fill, and looks proudly again. The ships from Sheerness and Harwich make up the number to 63, well fitted, but miserably defective in men, of whom 1,700 are wanted to make up the complement. Hopes the late alarm will make all move forward in preparations. The Dutch are enquiring after pilots for the English coasts, but their bold pretences will end in trying to catch a little fish against their winter; hopes to prevent that also, if men can only be had, without which they are only the show of a force.

June 27. 32. Advices received; being memoranda from letters already calendared, June 22–26. [2 *pages.*]

June 27. West Cowes. 33. John Lysle to Williamson. The Paradox has brought in two prizes. The French fleet has sailed from St. Martin's; they are 35 sail; Admiral Beaufort is in his old ship, which proves a mere slug in sailing. The French ships have each a fire-ship in attendance, and are supposed to be gone round Ireland to join the Dutch; they are daily raising horse and foot, and it is said, intend for Ireland, expecting the discontented Irish to join them; 20 wine ships have gone from Bourdeaux northward, and 30 Dutch sail are following, all without convoy. The French have fortified the Isle of Bolyn, and sent two companies of foot to the castle, lest the English make an attempt there. Since the French fleet left the Straits, the Turks are admirals of those parts. [1¼ *pages.*]

June 27. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Chancellor on the petition of Sarah, wife of Roger Bratteridge, desiring that her husband may be compelled to settle 100*l.* a year upon her; she brought him a considerable dowry, most of which he has spent, and desires to sell the remainder. His lordship is to endeavour a fair agreement between the parties, on reasonable allowance to the petitioner, or to report his opinion on the difference between them. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 210.]

June 27. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. Has dispensed with the residence of Denis Grenville, archdeacon and prebendary there, and rector of Elwick, as he cannot without great prejudice, reside in the north; requests for him the full emoluments of his place. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 193.]

June 27. Whitehall. Warrant for an order to the Treasurer of Prizes to pay 200*l.* each to Lord Brouncker and Sir John Mennes, and 100*l.* each to Charles Bennet and Richard Kingdon, for services in securing the goods on board the Slothany and Golden Phœnix. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 206.]

June 27. Warrant to [John] Bradley for discharge of Charles Lydcot. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 207.]

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June 27. Warrant to [John] Bradley for discharge of Colonel Mosie. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 207.]

June 27. The King to all Admirals, Commanders of Ships, the Commander of Gravesend Blockhouse, and the Officers of Customs. Divers merchants of London have represented to him that they have laden valuable commodities on board a fleet of billanders, now in the Thames and bound for Flanders, in expectation that the fleet would not put to sail without sufficient convoy, yet the billanders resolve to sail without convoy, thereby exposing the merchandise to great damage. Orders that they be prevented leaving the Thames, or stopped wherever they may be, till order be taken for their safe passage. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 207.]

June 27. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenants of Counties. Preparations being made to invade the kingdom, wishes the militia to be put into good order; they are therefore to repair into their several lieutenancies, unite the gentry, and quicken all under their command to the discharge of their respective duties, that the militia may be in readiness if there shall be occasion to use them. The companies of horse and foot are to be made up according to the last musters, the officers complete, the arms fixed and ready, with the quantity of ammunition directed by Act of Parliament. To avoid trouble in harvest time, this may be done either by a general or by particular musters, sending orders to the officers to report the condition of each troop, and appointing places of rendezvous for them in case of alarm; also the sea-side beacons are to be sufficiently watched, and fired if there be occasion; the 70,000*l.* militia tax is to be raised, and diligent care taken for preservation of public safety. With note of such copies of these letters as were dispatched by Sec. Morice. [*Ent. Book* 20, *pp.* 112–114.]

June 27. Papers relating to hemp and Holland duck tendered for the navy; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

34. Tender of 1,000 tons of Riga, and 300 tons of Flanders' hemp at 47*l.* to 57*l.* per ton, and 6,000 bolts of Holland duck at 2*s.* 4*d.* per yard. [1½ *pages.*] May 30, 1666.

35. Answer of the Navy Comrs. to the above proposition, stating the terms on which they are willing to accept the same. [*Draft by Pepys.*] June 27, 1666.

36. Transcript of the above draft, with the proposer's remarks thereon in parallel columns. [4 *pages.*] June 27, 1666.

June 27. Bristol. 37. Sir John Knight, sen., to the Navy Comrs. Is contracting for 23 masts offered for 215*l.*, which can be laden on board the Friezland; particulars of other white wood masts to be had for ready money only. Shall charge any future moneys on Charles Owen. Cannot get sufficient seamen for the St. Patrick. [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*]

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June 27. Swale, 8 A.M. 38. Sir John Mennes to the Navy Comrs. Found so great a confusion in the books of the Yarmouth that nearly a day was spent before her pay could be finished. Desires that George Taylor, the purser, may be apprehended for neglect and false entries. Some course must be taken that, upon change of commanders, a true account of each ship's company, with perfect books, may be left to their successors. The Royal James has set sail. Acknowledges the receipt of 5,000*l.* Tickets sent up for examination must be dispatched with all speed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. Royal James, Buoy of the Nore. 39. Sir Thos. Allin to Sam. Pepys. Desires immediate reimbursement, out of the contingent moneys, of the money expended in impressing seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. Portsmouth Dockyard. 40. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Want of men is the only hindrance to the dispatch of the Warwick; 600 loads of timber are already felled for the use of the garrison; it is a pity that timber fit for ship's beams should be converted into palisades; proposes exchanging it for some shorter and smaller. Has bought 200 loads of oaken timber for the new ship, at 37*s.* per load. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

June 28. Dover. 41. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Is having small cables and ropes of all sizes made. Refused to supply the Norway with a cable and anchor without the captain's signature to the demand. Mistress Wales has sold the best of her plank, and her tallow is not so good as that already in store; she has received 41*l.* 19*s.* for goods which she had in hand at the time of her husband's death, and had she been reasonable, she would have had nothing on her hands. Wants money, also small masts, spars, and cables. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. Little Mary, Woolwich. 42. The Captain of the Little Mary to Sir Wm. Coventry. The two prize ships are the Hope galliot of Amsterdam, laden with tar, and the Hamburg hoy Charity, laden with iron, deal boards, and guns. She pretended to be bound for Ostend, though she had passed it and was steering for France. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. Chatham. 43. Sir Wm. Penn to [Sam. Pepys]. The work at Sheerness being well over, is ordered to examine the stores at Chatham, and dispatch away officers. All demands for stores must be immediately answered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. 44. Certificate by Capt. Rich. Long to the Navy Comrs., that Wm. Brown, surgeon of the Nightingale, has received no recruit of stores for twenty months, except what he has bought himself, and that he has discharged his duty faithfully to a great number of sick. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. Gravesend. 45. Rich. Elkin, muster master, to Sam. Pepys. The Paul fire-ship has arrived. Requests an order for the discharge of one of his watermen, who has a protection, but was impressed by Sir Robt. Holmes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 28. 46. Capt. Boteler Barnes to the Navy Comrs. Is unable to attend them as symptoms of former disturbances have appeared on board, and a supply of ammunition is expected from the Tower; wants ballast, water, and more seamen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. Custom House. 47. Sir John Shaw, farmer of customs, to Lord Brouncker Has good assurance of a number of able men being at Brentford; Cleggat, a bailiff living near, has knowledge of them; a press master would be useful there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 28. Portsmouth. 48. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Coventry is ordered to convoy merchant ships into the Thames. The boatswains and carpenters' accounts for ships in port shall be passed by the clerk of the survey, but the gunners' accounts can only be passed in London. Expects Mr. Wilson to-day; 25 men will be wanted for his ship. Appointed the master of the Mars to Capt. Beach's ship before the one arrived with a warrant from the Board; Sir Wm. Penn disapproves of this step; asks directions for the future. It is a great pity to delay ships in port only for want of a master. [*Adm. Paper, 2¼ pages, damaged.*]

June 28. Papers relating to the St. Jacob; [*Adm. Papers*], viz.:—

49. Acknowledgment by Ben. Johnson, of Gottenburg masts, deals, &c., received at Portsmouth from the St. Jacob, March 14, 1666. With note by John Tippetts of the unloading of the same. May 14, 1665.

50. Edward Gosling to the Ordnance Officers. In attempting to stop a leak in the vessel, found 14 barrels of powder stowed away in the hold; called the ship's company to account, and discovered that it had been embezzled by the boatswain and three others, who have since, through fear of punishment, run away; it being quite spoiled, was advised to sell it for three dollars a barrel. Has laid out the money so received for victuals. May 26, 1666.

51. Certificate, by Thos. Lewis, of accounts cleared at the Victualling Office by Edward Gosling, commander of the St. Jacob. Victualling Office, May 30, 1666.

52. Memorandum that the ship St. Jacob entered the King's service 10 May 1665, and was discharged 10 April 1666. June 28, 1666.

June 28 The Lily, North Foreland. 53. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Can discern 70 or 80 sail of ships off the Foreland, and supposes them to be the Dutch fleet; has taken up a long boat belonging to one of them, which is evidently the King's own, having the broad arrow marked in several places. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 28. The Lily, North Foreland. 54. Thos. Langley to Lord Arlington. Being on his station, has seen the Holland fleet of 70 or 80 sail, seven or eight leagues to the north-east.

June 28. Aldborough. 55. [Rich. Browne] to Williamson. Is commanded by Serjeant-Surgeon Knight to give a weekly account of occurrences. A dozen English men-of-war have passed northward the last four or five days. The Swedes man-of-war, carrying horses as a present from the King to General Wrangel, has passed. Has 120 wounded men under his care, and 40 fit for service; will convey them to their ships. Lord Oxford's troop has removed from Newmarket to Woodbridge, and a foot company has marched through Ipswich to Harwich to go on board the fleet. Hopes those parts will be secured, they being feasible for invasion. There are 40 or 50 stout seamen in the town, who when they see a frigate come into the bay, run up into the country, 12 or 20 together.

June 28. Ipswich. 56. J. Knight to Williamson. Capt. Utber, of the Rupert, is angry with all mankind, because he cannot get men. Has tried to encourage the press; a few skulk in the country, and cannot be caught without aid of the deputy lieutenants and justices, who are remiss and unwilling to move. Sir Chas. Littleton and Col. Legg's foot companies have marched through towards Landguard Fort, also the Earl of Oxford's troop. Has seen orders, perhaps from Mr. Muddiman's paper, for raising three horse regiments under the Lord High Chamberlain, Lords Cleveland and Northampton; begs that their surgeons' commissions may not pass without his approval, as surgeon general, he being responsible for the whole, but will not scruple against any their lordships chose to prefer; the reputation of the King's servants is increased by such things. Met at Southwold several of Sir Chris. Myngs' crew, who are resolved to avenge his death. There is a mutiny in Harwich yard, on a dispute between the master of the stores and master builder, who are always clashing, to the scandal of the service. [2 *pages.*]

June 28. Flushing. 57. ——Mæten to [Williamson?]. Hears from Middleburg that the whole town is working in wood for the repair of the ships. There are 60 or 70 ships, of which 7 are gone to Dunkirk. In eight days 80 ships will be ready. A captain of Trump's says they will get out to sea with 50 ships on Monday, to seek the English fleet in the Thames; by their preparations thinks they will be ready. Four boats, laden with powder and ball, have gone to the fleet. There are 60 ships at Flushing, 16 at the Texel, and 7 near Ostend, where they expect to meet the Duke of Beaufort. They distrust their soldiers, but lean on their sailors; they are going by Ostend to the Thames. Is advised not to go into the fleet, the sailors being so enraged against those of Brabant, so that he can only give the names of vessels separated from the rest. A council of war is to be held on board the fleet. Is to dine with De Ruyter's son, and hopes to get to know what passes. June 25, 26, and 28. [*French*, 4 *pages.*]

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June 28. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 58. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King. Send intelligence from Holland, but cannot credit it all. The ships will be ready by Tuesday; who much apprehend want of men. Send an account of wants in the ships with them, whereby to judge of the rest.

June 28. Edinburgh. 59. Proclamation for a general fast in Scotland, to implore the blessing of God on the naval forces set out against the United States, France, and Denmark, to be held on July 11 by all south of the Esk, and on the 18th by all north of it; all who neglect it to be proceeded against as disaffected. [*Printed.*]

June 28. London. 60. M. Verbecq to MM. Pollard and Mollier. Thinks the St. John has left Plymouth, so the voyage to Kinsale must not be thought of. M. Choisin should have the 200*l.* that is necessary, lest things should go worse. [*French.*]

June 28. London. 61. Ja. Moiiat to M. Carpatry, commis of M. Le Tellier, at the French Court. Begs him to procure leave for a vessel, manned with Scotchmen, to go and come between England and France; can obtain a passport for her, and will give him what share he pleases in her.

June 28. Whitehall. Sec. Morice to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley. The late Earl of Norwich left to his grandchild, Eliz. Deane, now wife of John Tyndall, 1,100*l.* as her portion, to be paid with interest from the pension of 2,000*l.* a year due to him. Charles now Earl of Norwich has the patent of the pension, but has consented to the payment of 1,000*l.* thereof. The King wishes the whole 1,100*l.* to be paid, with interest since it became due. [*Ent. Book* 14, *p.* 100.]

June 28. Order for a warrant to pay to the Cofferer of the Household, for Jeremy Gohory, groom of the privy chamber to the Queen, 3*s.* 4*d.* a day in lieu of board wages, from June 16, 1663. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 104.]

[June 28.] 62. Draft of the above, the name altered from Capt. Hen. Isham. [1½ *pages.*]

June 28. 63. Note that in Mark Lane Mrs. Yonge, widow, hanged herself.

June 28. Landguard Point Fort. 64. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. Account of the vessels before the fort. Major Legg and Sir Chas. Littleton's companies remain in the fort; will not trouble him further about the person who dealt so unhandsomely with him, being unable to prove it.

June 28. Truro. 65. Hugh Acland, to Williamson. Alarm of the French landing at the Lizard and other places in the West; ordered his company to be in arms, and sent out scouts who discovered it to be a false report, but in three hours' time 10,000 men were up in arms; ordered the stopping of the tumult, allaying it before receipt of the order from Sir Vyell Vivyan. Never saw the people more ready to engage for King and country; three times as many volunteers came in as the 117 admitted into the writer's company.

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A French wine prize has been seized at Penzance, but pretends that the goods belong to English merchants. The Nightingale has returned to take in pressed men; also the Guernsey and Eagle, which have been convoying merchants to the Indies. *Annexing,*

65. I. *Order from Sir Vyell Vyvyan to the constables and officers of Cornwall to prevent disturbances in the country and the firing of beacons, the country having been thrown into an alarm of invasion at the Lizard, by the firing of beacons on the coming in of a boat with men who had left the land, for fear of being impressed.*
*Trelowren, June 25, 1666.*

June 28. Harwich. 66. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Swedish ship stranded near Marlborough and refitted there at the King's charge has sailed for the Elbe, with two fine nags, sent for General Wrangel, also with the envoy from the Prince of Moldavia, who is now resident in Sweden, because the Grand Seignior is displeased with him. Many merchants attempt a trade in spite of the war, and vessels pass northward, without convoy.

June 28. Harwich. 67. Silas Taylor to James Hickes. Was coming to London, but the Commissioners would not allow it, because of a mutiny in the yard, which continued till that day.

June 28. Edinburgh. 68. Rob. Meine to Williamson. A Dutch man-of war seized a small vessel, and would only release her on payment of 100*l.*, though it was afterwards found that the Dutchman was in bad condition. Capt. Hamilton has brought in two prizes, and other captains two more.

June 28. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 69. Duke of Albemarle to the King. His Majesty lost a faithful subject, and he a faithful indefatigable servant in Sir Wm. Clarke. Cannot express too much kindness to his memory, and recommends his wife and child to favour, to make up in some measure their great loss. [*Copy.*]

June 29. Southwold. 70. Willm. Waynflet to Williamson. There are 50 light colliers passing, and two men-of-war are to convoy them; 20 of Sir Chris. Myngs' men are ready to return, and shed the last drop of their blood in the war, but are anxious to go back to their old ship to get their clothes, &c. Is advised not to send them by land if he can help it, and the commander, Capt. Wm. Kempthorne, of the Richmond, will come and take them in.

June 29. Pembroke. 71. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Two fleets in one, supposed to be the fleet of cow carriers from Ireland, and the Bristol Virginia fleet, 60 sail, have passed the harbour, with two convoys.

June 29. 72. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

June 29. Margate. 73. John Smith to Williamson. The Flemings are come out, and are in sight off North Foreland, 70 sail and 5 or six scouts. They are where they last engaged, and are taking up the anchors they left behind.

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June 29. [Norwich.] 74. Roht. Scrivener to James Hickes. There was a mistake in the Gazette—it was 83 not 42 persons who died between 13th and 20th of June—the number 19 of the plague is right. The troops have gone thence to Lowestoft. Three persons have died at Wallingford of the sickness.

June 29. Minehead. 75. John Maurice to James Hickes. The Harp convoyed 40 sail from Ireland, laden with wool, cattle, and sheep, some for Barnstaple, 14 or 15 for Minehead. The sheriff of Cork was told that 150 sail of French were seen off the west of Ireland.

June 29. Gottenburg. 76. Wm. Handsly to Sir Thos. Clifford. Does not wish him to buy an English ship, intending to buy a Holland flyboat brought in by the Pearl, though the governor there has stopped her, pretending she was taken in the King of Sweden's harbour; gives an account of the ship and her lading; if she be sent for England, wishes her to be purchased for him. Wants the dogger which he bought of Rear-Admiral Harman cleared at the Custom House. [*Copy*, 1¼ *pages*.]

June 29. Custom House, Barnstaple. 77. P. Manaton to Williamson. The fleet of Ireland, 40 sail laden with bullocks and sheep, has arrived. A frigate has taken a Dutch caper and sent it into Kinsale.

Jnne 29. Sittingbourne. 78. Rowland Selby to Williamson. They are removed from their formor quarters to Sittingbourne, there to stay till the next alarm.

June 29. Plymouth Fort. 79. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Garland has sailed with 75 soldiers and 50 able seamen. Has ordered the Portsmouth to ply to Falmouth, and caution the ships bound eastward; will then send her away with seamen from Cornwall and the north of Devonshire. Alarm of the French landing at the Lizard. A small Frenchman from Bourdeaux, laden with wine, &c., has been seized on behalf of the Vice-Admiral, and the hatches sealed.

June 29. Plymouth. 80. [John Clarke] to Williamson. The Garland, with the soldiers from the garrison and 100 pressed men, has sailed for the fleet, and the Victory waits to take in more. It is reported that De Beaufort has sailed from Calais to Lisbon. With note by another hand that it is a pity so many boys and weak men are sent into the King's ships, when there are many able seamen in the place; the writer will not say who is in fault, lest he have the women about his ears.

June 29. Hull. 81. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Capt. Lightfoot of the Speedwell is come to fetch a ship laden with beer and other provisions, also 150 soldiers taken from the seven companies there, and such seamen as can be got on board; some merchant ships will go with him; 100 colliers have passed for Newcastle, with two men-of-war; three Dutch capers came up with them off the Humber,

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but dared not meddle with them. All are amazed that the Hollanders are out with 70 or 80 sail, and the English fleet not ready with as many. Is cousin german to the Lord Mayor of London, who will speak for him if any good employment offer in these parts.

June 29. Margate, 12 P.M. 82. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has come three leagues off the North Foreland, but their intentions are not known.

June 29. 83. Advices from news letters calendared above, June 24, 26, 27 and 29.

June 29. Newcastle. 84. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. There are none but a few stranger ships coming in and going out; particulars of them, and of a threatened attack on two by a pickeroon. The coal ships which would recruit the fleet are still there, and many hundreds of stout fellows who have no coal work, and must either beg or steal.

June 29. St. James's. 85. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord [Arlington]. The enclosed ha been shown the Duke of York, who thinks the committee should meet early to-morrow. Too much caution is better than too little; the coast all along, especially the Isle of Wight, should be advertized. Thinks from their not embarking horses, that the design must be on Scilly, where horses would be of no use. Hopes the new regiments will not fail, but day after day passes, and things are no more prepared. *Encloses,*

85. I. *Capt. Thos. Langley to [Lord Arlington]. Has espied the Holland fleet north of the North Foreland. [Copy of No. 54.]* *Lily, North Foreland, June* 28, 1666.

June 29. Whitehall. 86. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The ordinary post road being tedious, begs a special messenger, to give notice to his Highness and the Duke of Albemarle that the Dutch, with 70 or 80 sail, have been seen seven or eight leagues north-east of the North Foreland.

June 29. The Lily, Margate Road. 87. Capt. Thos. Langley to Lord Arlington. The Holland fleet is three leagues off North Foreland, and some of their small ships within one league. Names three ketches in Margate harbour.

June 29. Walmer. 88. Rich. Watts to [Williamson]. Some think the Dutch, 120 sail, are east of the Goodwin; sounds have been heard thence, thought to be their mustering. Several Dutch vessels have been seen cruising at the back of the Goodwin. At Deal, from three to eleven die daily of the plague. The north part is so much infected that they go one amongst another, but it is not in above three houses in the south, where the richer and more moderate people live. It has broken out in Upper Deal and Mongham.

June 29. Warrant to [Matt.] Butler, messenger, to apprehend —— Williams. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 208.]

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[June 29.] 89. Answers of Stephen, Wm. and Rich. Thompson, to the suggestions of [Wm.] Jones's petition; that the infant heiress, [Arabella, daughter of the late Sir Edw. Alleyne, Bart.], was not taken away, but brought by her maid, for conscience sake, to Rich. Thompson, her near kinsman by her mother's side, who was left her guardian by her mother's will; that she was not taken secretly to the north, but kept publicly where any of her father's friends might see her, and was only taken abroad because they threatened to take her by force; that she would be left to free choice in her marriage, and that they have only improved the estate to the orphan's advantage. [*See Council Register.*]

June 29. 90. Deposition of Wm. Ford, apothecary of London, at request of Mr. Keterich, the petitioner. Mr. Bough and others told him that Mr. Cox had never allowed him or the other tenants any thing in respect of their purchases in the late times, as abatement of fines, and that he even refused to sign their leases unless they would acknowledge to have received satisfaction for their purchase money, or surrender their title deeds. [1¼ *pages.*]

June 29. 91. General account of cask, iron hoops and biscuit bags returned into the stores at Plymouth since January 5, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 29. 92. Corresponding account from the victualler's book, with note of such as were in store January 1, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 29. Kinsale. 93. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Begs payment of the last year's accounts in behalf of sick and wounded seamen in Ireland; is commanded by the Lord President to find quarters for 12 men belonging to the Sorlings, although being dischaged from a prize ship, they rightly come under the Prize Office charge; 25 seamen, put ashore by a Dutch caper, are also sent in by Col. Manley to be provided for; asks directions in such cases. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 29. Shorne in Kent. 94. Jarvase Maplesden to Wm. Hewers, Navy Office. Desires a protection from the Navy Comrs. for Walter Knight, his bookkeeper, who has often to travel up and down on the King's service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 29. Chatham Ropeyard. 95. Petition of the Ropemakers pressed into service at Chatham, to Sir Wm. Penn, for payment of money due to them for ¾ of a year's board wages, during which time they have only received 40*s.* a man, and are strangers without credit. With certificate by John Owen, of the pressing necessities of the petitioners, and of the money due to them for board wages, amounting to 360*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 30. Ordnance Office. 96. Edw. Sherburne, Jonas Moore, and Rich. March to the Navy Comrs. There shall be no want of canvas, rosin, or other necessaries for the fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 30. Custom House. 97. Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw, farmers of customs, to the Navy Comrs. The Prize Comrs. decline the payment of customs for goods delivered for the King's service; beg that

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the Navy Comrs. will satisfy the demand and so prevent further delay. *Enclose,*

97. I. *Rich. Kingdon, Geo. Clifford, and Hen. Rumbold, Prize Comrs., to the Farmers of Customs. The ladings of the Prince William and three other vessels are to be delivered to the Navy Comrs., who will pay the custom of the goods, it being contrary to the instructions of the Prize Office to pay any customs at all.* [*Adm. Paper, copy.*]

June 30. Dieppe. 98. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. Requests a favourable answer to his project of obtaining a pass from the King of England to transport coals from Newcastle all the year long; it will bring money to the Customs and to the proprietors of the coals, and will be a great profit to the nation; Lord Colbert has promised passports from the King of France, provided passes are granted by the King of England; proposes also importing the strong waters of Lower Languedoc and Guienne; will be at Ostend shortly to have over the goods. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

June 30. 99. Thos. Bond to Thos Hayter. Wants some tickets to keep his men of the John and Thomas clear of the press. The lieutenant of the Victory has taken eight, and so affrighted the others that the writer will be unable to get them without an order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 30. Whitehall. Lord Arlington to [each of the nine following persons]. The King being pressed by likelihood of a speedy invasion from the united forces of France and Holland, and hearing that the Dutch have 7,000 or 8,000 men in their fleet, now on our coasts, wishes to raise distinct troops of horse, to be afterwards incorporated in regiments, and sends him a commission for raising 80 horse; he is to appoint a rendezvous when the commissary will muster them, and send up the names of the officers. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 110.] *Annexing,*

I. *Minutes of Commissions issued according to the tenor of the preceding letter, viz.:—*

*To the Duke of Monmouth to be captain, and raise and arm a troop of horse of* 80 *men, June* 30; —— *Osborn, his lieutenant; Edw. Griffin, cornet, July* 1; *and William Clarke, quartermaster.* [*p.* 110.]

*Duke of Buckingham the same, June* 30, *with Sir Hen. Belasyse his lieutenant; Sir John Risby, cornet; Fras. Tonstall, quartermaster.* [*p.* 110.]

*Earl of Peterborough the same, June* 30; —— *Stapleton his lieutenant;* ———, *cornet; and* —— *Standish, quartermaster.* [*p.* 110.]

*Lord Loughborough the same, June* 30; *Thos. Chicheley his lieutenant; Fras. Coles, cornet; Ferdinand Hastings, quartermaster, July* 2. [*pp.* 110, 124.]

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*Sir William Courtney the same, June 30; John Towns, lieutenant; —— Shelton, cornet; Henry Wade, quartermaster, July 2.* [*p.* 111.]

*Sir John Warre the same, June 30; Major Robt. Hawley, lieutenant; John Hawley, cornet; Capt. Thos. Littleton, quartermaster, July 2.* [*pp.* 111, 123.]

*Sir George Saville, the same, June 30; Sir Phil. Monteson, lieutenant; Anth. Eyre, cornet; Cl. Leake, quartermaster.* [*p.* 111.]

*Earl of Ogle, the same, June 30; ———, lieutenant; Cecil Cooper, cornet, July 2; Clifton Rhodes, quartermaster.* [*pp.* 111, 123.]

*Earl of Carlisle, the same; Thos. Howard, lieutenant, June 30; Nic. Fairfax, cornet, July 2; and —— Barry, quartermaster, July 2.* [*p.* 111.]

[June 30.] 100. List of the officers of the above companies. [1½ *pages.*]

[June 30.] 101. List of the above nine Captains and others [by Lord Arlington]. With note that the colonels of the three regiments are to raise three of their companies, fix a day when they will be ready, remember that the officers must be good, and able to raise the troops, and certify their rendezvous with all speed. With a list of names of officers.

June 30. Whitehall. 102. Commission to Sir Edw. Massey to be Colonel of a regiment of foot of 10 companies of 100 men each, which he is to raise and arm.

June 30. Minute of the above. [*Ent Book* 20, *p.* 112.]

June 30. Whitehall. The King to Lord Townsend. Is very sensible of his zeal in promoting loans from the gentry in Norfolk, on credit of the late Act for 1,250,000*l.*, and desires him to thank those who have lent the money. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 116.]

June 30. Commission to the Earl of Middleton to be Lieutenant General of all the militia forces in Kent. [*Ent Book* 20, *p.* 117.]

June 30. 103. J. I. [John Ironmonger] to Sir Thos. Gower. Since the fight at sea, the party are encouraged by letters sent into Scotland, which make all believe that the Dutch had an absolute victory, are masters of the sea, and block up the Thames, and that thousands of men will be landed in Scotland in a month or two. Dixon is sent from G. Carr to the remonstrators in Scotland to prepare them. They are so broken by their late ill success that they are distrustful of each other, and there are few great meetings. Major has pretended to quit them and left Holland, but it is only to do mischief. Wm. Sikes does the same, but Washington, Scott, Bampfield, and Desborough are at the Council. They say care is taken in Scotland for their prevention, and yet they will rise if the Dutch hold their word. The correspondents going to Scotland and Ireland sleep at friends' houses not inns, but might be caught with care.

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June 30. Warrant to pay George Cock, treasurer for the sick and wounded, 40,000*l.* from the 1,250,000*l.* granted by the Act. [*Docquet.*]

June 30. Grant to Stephen Chase and Stephen his son of the office of Chafe-wax in Chancery. [*Docquet.*]

June 30. Warrant to Thos. Snagg, high sheriff of Bedfordshire, to reprieve John Bubb, condemned for murder, on report in his favour by the gentry of the county. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 208.]

June 30. Warrant for the discharge of —— Williams. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 209.]

June 30. Warrant to Major Miller to search the house of Lady Rolles in Black and White Court, Old Bailey, for suspected persons, arms, ammunition, papers, &c. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 209.]

[June 30]. 104. ——— to the King. The people are in a desperate condition, housekeepers so oppressed with taxes that they dare not open their doors, or the tax gatherer will carry away a bed or a dish; the people curse the King, wish for Cromwell, and say come Dutch come devil, they cannot be worse, so that where one would fight for His Majesty, 10 would fight against him; there are not 10 amongst the gentry whom they would follow. The Chancellor, who is now reported to sway the kingdom, could not assist if an army were set on foot against the King; all think him treacherous in counsel, blame him for the selling Dunkirk and the present war, mortally hate him, and wish to see his Dunkirk house level with the ground. His Majesty confides too much in him and others, who engross all into their hands. There never were such taxes, nor a king more cheated; all are dissatisfied, the soldiers cheated out of their allowance, who ought to be cherished by His Majesty as his life, for if they fail, he would no longer be King. Begs His Majesty to look into things. Lord Gerard puts such abuses on the Guards, who are all related to loyal families, that it is thinned of the persons of quality who endeavoured to ride in it on the Restoration, and Lord Gerard would not find 10 men who would on occasion be commanded by him. Deductions are made from the allowance for the captain and also the clerk. Most of the gentry impoverished themselves and their posterity by their loyalty. The Act of Oblivion hinders their prosecuting their persecutors; there is great heartburning because, though large sums of money have been raised for indigent officers, they have not had it, and they say a soldier may venture life and fortune, and yet perish for want, as many have done since the Restoration. Householders pay and soldiers are unpaid. The nation says the King cares about his pleasures, and thinks not of the sighs and groans of his poor subjects; they will not long be subjects; their patience has long been on tenterhooks; they did not expect all their losses made up, but they say that preferments are given to those who would have cut the King's throat, and will do still if opportunity offers. The abuses of the officers of the Guard light on the King, for people ask why they do not address him, and they say that too many about

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His Majesty will not let him hear anything that may prevent his looking pleasantly on them, till their turns are served, and therefore will not tell him that the nation is ready to rise with every gust of wind, because of oppression. The Guards suffer much because their money is put to interest, and they not paid till two months in arrear, and then with deductions, for the paymaster pretends he is only allowed to pay them once in half a year, and they are forced to give an allowance to the clerk, who pretends he has great trouble to get the money. It is now a scandal to be a Life Guardsman. His Majesty is reported to say there is nothing like keeping soldiers poor. He should not neglect the soldiers. The only way to preserve himself from a fall is to put down the militia, and that charge would maintain a standing army, which must be well paid. People scoff and say, "Be a soldier, no! we have precedents daily in the streets; we will fight no more, for when the war is over, we are slighted like dogs." Unless there be speedy redress, His Majesty will lose all his friends, for those that love him best cannot excuse these things. None of his courtiers will tell him how he has lost himself with the whole nation. People say, "Give the King the Countess of Castlemaine and he cares not what the nation suffers." The Guards will soon be full of tinkers, robbers, and hackney coachmen, for however stout, well born, or loyal a man may be, he will not get in unless he has money to give the officers. As to the shipping, His Majesty will be betrayed unless some are hanged to warn others. The victuallers so play the rogue that in some ships, there is no meat nor drink that men can take. As to the guns, when they come to be fired, not 1 in 20 holds good. Instead of the country militia the people would be willing to contribute what would pay an army. Is but a woman, and can only pray for His Majesty. [3 *pages.*]

June 30. 105. Request to Major Miller to deliver the above letter to the King, for it concerns his life. Directed to Capt. Miller, the Cockpit, near Whitehall. Endorsed by Williamson "Pretended discovery."

June 30. Royal Charles. 106. Duke of Albemarle to Lord [Arlington]. The Earl of Winchelsea, wishing to leave the embassy at Constantinople, recommends as his successor the writer's kinsman, Sir Jas. Modyford, who was bred up in the country, knows the language, and was formerly desired by the Turkey Company for the employment.

June 30. 107. Note addressed to Henry Wetherly, of Newcastle, that the Scots' privateers have brought up 11 Holland ships, richly laden with wine, brandy, and timber useful for ship building.

June 30. Margate, 8 A.M. 108. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 80 sail has weighed anchor, as supposed, to meet as many French, which were seen yesterday near Dungeness. When they meet, they are expected to land a considerable force, having a very great army of men and horse in their ships.

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June 30. West Cowes. 109. John Lysle to Williamson. The master of an Irish vessel from Malaga and Cadiz reports that the English are well treated in Spain, but are not allowed to enter till their time is expired, because of the contagion. Particulars of the French fleet. The Patrick from Malaga met four Algiers' vessels, who treated her civilly. Tangiers is in good condition, but feared an alarm of the French: Guiland promises them his utmost assistance. It is rumoured at Cadiz that the French fleet is designed for Ireland. [1½ *pages.*]

June 30. Cowes. 110. Capt. Alexander Colepeper to Williamson. By order of Lord Colepeper, gives particulars of the French fleet as given by the master of the St. Patrick. Corrects a mistake in the Gazette about men-of-war being seen near Bourdeaux.

June 30. Newcastle. 111. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. There is an alarm of the Dutch being out with 80 sail or more, and of their having 500 busses out fishing. All there are troubled that the King should have such want of men, and no course be taken to press the stout hardy men belonging to the coal works. The mayor will expedite the affair, if ordered.

June 30. Languard Point Fort. 112. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. Lord Oxford's troop is ordered to quarter within two miles of the fort. The Bristol has sailed, and the Rupert is sailing for the Nore. The sickness is in three or four houses in Harwich.

June 30. Walmer. 113. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. A Sandwich flyboat saw the Dutch yesterday near Dunkirk, and says that the King of Sweden is sending His Majesty 30 sail of ships.

June 30. 114. List of letters proved to have been sent from the post office to the fleet, from April 26 to June 30, the chief correspondents being Sir Wm. Clarke and Mr. Hayes.

June 30. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 115. Jo. Hayes to Williamson. Thinks what the Dutch have done of late is only an art to get what forces they could on board, and that they wish themselves home again. There are nearly 70 sail of graceful English ships. The French fleet has grown very sickly, and returned to the Straits. The English admirals will stay at the Nore a few days, till in condition to look abroad. The ships are ordered to new birth themselves, and betake themselves to their respective flags. Will send lists when the admirals give leave, as they are squadroning again. Dares not send them yet, for fear of printing.

June 30. Royal Charles. 116. Ja. Reade to Williamson. The admirals are daily endeavouring to get the fleet out; if supplied with men, and if the ships in the river come out, they will be ready early next week. Letters are best conveyed by Chatham, whence boats are frequently sent to the fleet.

June 30. Walmer. 117. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. The ports and shire are all in arms, day and night, with strong guards and resolved spirits. Hears that the French shipped 8,000 men near Calais yesterday,

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intending to land near Dungeness. The people resolve to give them welcome, and show themselves faithful to fight for King and country.

June 30. Harwich. 118. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Will charge him nothing for expresses, being so immensely indebted to him, and they are directed either by the generals or to Sir Wm. Coventry. The galliot hoy being dispatched to spy, fell among four or five Dutch ships, but did not put up English colours, and being Dutch-built, got away. All the ships sent to refit after the last engagement have returned from the Nore, except the Rupert; the Bristol was much battered. Two companies from Sudbury, of the Admiral's regiment, are in Landguard fort.

June 30. Bristol. 119. John Fitzherbert to Williamson. Two vessels have arrived from Bourdeaux, meeting no enemy; the new ship-of-war St. Patrick will soon be ready; the captain's diligence is much commended. The Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire has been two months past mustering the militia, which are in good equipage. In his three lieutenancies, he has 5,000 foot and three troops of horse, well officered and disciplined, and willing to march. Begs favour if any expedient may be found out to prevent the passing of Mr. Wheldon's patent.

June 30. York. 120. Jon. Mascall to Williamson A woman in the country pretending the gift of prophecy has been before Lord Fauconberg, but was not sent to gaol, went to Malton, and sometimes has 300 or 400 persons about her. Justice Gibson would have committed her, but a man and horse came and took her up; she says the English must be twice beaten, and then the Dutch have a total rout. It is reported that the Dutch are out with 72 sail, and the French coming from Rochelle to join them. It is wondered that no preparations are made at York, in case of invasion; some say if the whole strength of the county were drawn near there, they would be of greater advantage. A great man-of-war passed Whitby to the north, and her boat took a Kircaldy sloop.

June 30. Lyme. 121. [Ant. Thorold] to Williamson. The militia have been in arms, and exercised, and the mayor and magistrates have ordered watch to be kept every night at the Cobb, to discover any attempts of the enemy. A suspected privateer near the shore prevented several vessels laden with lime, &c., for building the fort at Jersey, from going by Portland Road, where the Deptford was ready to convoy them. There is a report of Guernsey being lost to the French. Hears that the French governor of Shorzey is corresponding with some in both islands, and was to have 20,000 men ready to invade them, on notice and at fit time. Has intercepted several letters, directed to Lambert.

June 30. Weymouth. 122. John Pocock to James Hickes. Complains of the miscarriage of letters, and vindicates himself from neglect. The governor of Guernsey has taken M. Noue, the governor of a small isle, called Shorzey, nine leagues from Jersey, who came to try the coast, and

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addressed himself with design of a plot to M. Le Marchant, an ousted minister; the latter told the governor, who secured M. None; he has letters from the confederates in France to Lambert, prisoner at Guernsey, to say that 18,000 men are ready for landing. Capt. Carey, a privateer of Poole, has taken two prizes. Particulars of vessels seen off the coast.

June 30. Bridgewater. 123. Willm. Symons to James Hickes. There was a terrible hail storm on Monday, the stones measuring five inches about; it broke the windows of the inn at Wollavington, and so frightened the owner, who was from home, that he has not dared to go home since.

June 30. Harwich. 124. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. All the ships in the harbour are dispatched except the Rupert; 300 new foot soldiers are in Languard fort, and Lord Oxford's troop quarters near.

June 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on a petition of Fras. Lord Hawley, which the King inclines to grant, for a lease for 60 years of Chancery lands and houses in Taunton, formerly held by John Bond. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 211.]

June 30. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of Thos. Knellys for examination into a pretended debt which his late father is said to have owed to His Majesty, before any grant be made of the said debt. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 211.]

June ? 125. Petition of the Skinners' Company, London, to the King, for confirmation of their charter, with explanations to prevent their ruin by the felt-makers, who are endeavouring to draw away an important part of their trade, viz., the severing of the wool from the skins, and for a grant to the felt-makers, dated on the same day, of a charter with proper restrictions; they have failed, as requested, to compromise the matter between themselves, and each has entered a caveat against the other's charter. *Annexing,*

125. I. *Particulars of the points of disagreement between the Skinners and Felt-makers' Companies.*

June ? 126. Petition of Claude Sourceau and John Allen, King's tailors, to the King, for warrants for tallies on the royal aid, or some other part of the revenue, for payment of 2,027*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* due to them for coronation clothes, for which they had a privy seal in Oct. 1661, and a letter to the Lord Treasurer in Dec. 1662, ordering its assignment, but they have received nothing.

June. Memoranda [by Williamson from the Signet books] of warrants, &c., passed during the month, viz.:—

Grant to Henry Progers of 2*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* per day, which a certain Bishop of Salisbury agreed to pay to the Crown for the advantages of the said church when in vacancy.

Grant to the Earl of Clarendon and his heirs for ever of Caron House, with the gardens, orchards, &c., on rent of 10*s.*, and of Lambeth Park, being 10 acres. [*Domestic Corresp., Jan.* 1666, *Vol.* 146, *No.* 81.]

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June. Similar memoranda, as follow:—

Grant of Thos. Offley of the office of King's cockmaster for life; fee, 20*l.* a year.

Note that there are rural prebends in Bromyard Church, co. Hereford.

Note that allowance is to be made in the navy account for 200*l.*, yearly stipend, paid by Sir George Carteret to George Solby.

Grant to Dr. Jo. Clerke of the professorship of civil law in Cambridge; fee, 40*l.* a year out of the Exchequer.

Note that necessaries for the King's chapel closet come from the wardrobe, on signification of the King's pleasure by the Lord Chamberlain, and that the clerk of the robes draws the Canary the bill.

Note of the form of Thompson's revocation from France to England, June 1666, and of that of Smith and others from the Canary Islands, Sept. 1666.

June. Warrant to Sir John Robinson for the discharge of John Beech. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 203.]

June. 127. Petition of Charles Gifford to the King, to sign a warrant for transfer of his reversion of a Customer's place at Sandwich to Thos. Veel and Mat. Blake, to whom he has sold it.

[June.] Warrant for a grant to Thomas Veel and Matthew Blake, in reversion after Cadwallader Jones, of the office of Customer of the port of Sandwich, Kent. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 204.]

June. Whitehall. 128. Warrant to Lord Chamberlain Manchester to swear in Lewis Grahu, servant in ordinary, as master of chamber music.

June. 129–135. Lists of letters, commissions, warrants, &c., signed by the King during the month; viz., June 9th, 13; June 11th, 5; June 14th, 10; June 20th, 13; June 22nd, 4; June 25th, 8; June 30th, 5. Seven papers.

June? 136. The King to Sir Geoffrey Lloyd, superintendent of the fortifications of Portsmouth dock. On account of the importance of the said fortifications, all vigour and diligence is to be used therein, and therefore the ground is to be broken, wherever it is necessary, according to the model and form prescribed. [*Draft.*]

June? 137. The King to Lord Townsend. Returns hearty thanks for his zeal in promoting loans in Norfolk on the late Act for the 1,250,000*l.*, owing to which very considerable sums have been paid into the Exchequer.

June? Whitehall. 138. [Lord Arlington] to the Earl of Northampton. Is surprised that he has not received the King's letter to him as Lord Lieu-

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tenant of Warwickshire, to promote loans there on credit of the Act for raising 1,250,000*l.*; sends a copy, and will if he desire it, request His Majesty to sign another to him.

June. Whitehall. 139. [Lord Arlington] to Henry Lord Loughborough [Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire]. The King wants to know what progress has been made in procuring moneys on the credit of the late Act for 1,250,000*l.*, in which many counties have shown great forwardness; the money is not to be by advance on the tax, but by loan on the credit of the Act; only Worcestershire and Durham have paid by advance, so that of 90,000*l.* raised on the Act, only 14,000*l.* or 12,000*l.* is by advance, but advances serve very little. Sends directions, forms of subscription, and orders for those who lend loans, with the numbers of the register for payment. The moneys of the tax of 1,250,000*l.* due at Lady Day, are daily issued, as registered. [1 ½ *pages.*]

June. Whitehall. 140–143. Duplicates of the above, addressed to John Lord Lovelace for Berkshire, Earl of Lindsey for Lincolnshire, Earls of Cleveland and Aylesbury for Bedfordshire, and Duke of Richmond for Dorsetshire. Four papers.

[June.] 144. [Lord Arlington] to Sir Roger Langley. Hopes he will be able to persuade the country that the way of loan is better than that of advance; these moneys will not supply the King with a penny, but only pay what is charged on the Act. The Lord Treasurer favoured advances before he knew that the loans on the credit of the Act would take so well, but now he discourages them. For satisfaction of lenders, a paper is posted daily on the Exchequer to show how far the Act is charged and what is repaid; 350,000*l.* still remains as security for lenders. At the meeting, they are not to wait till all are willing, but some to begin the loan. [1½ *pages.*]

[June.] 145. Lord Arlington to Sir Fras. Cobb. To the same effect. Endorsed "Loans on the Act for 1,250,000*l.*" [1½ *pages.*]

June? 146. Rob. Meine to Williamson. Particulars of 11 prizes taken at sea and brought into Leith by Capts. Murray, Broome, and Atchinson. Capt. Murray saw 9 great ships going into the Sound, and 24 Dutch merchant ships, under convoy of 5 Danish men-of-war, but could not attack any of them, having only 16 guns, and 150 men.

June? 147. —— ——— to Mr. Doude. Longs for peace; 14 or 16 ships have been burnt or taken in the battle, and 2,800 or 3,000 prisoners. The fleet is almost ready to go out again, and great courage is shown. Report that Gen. Monk is dead.

June. Royal Sovereign. 148. Judge Advocate John Fowler to the Navy Comrs. Was discharged by ticket from the Vanguard in November last, and ordered to the Swiftsure, and afterwards employed at Chatham to enquire con-



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cerning the fire on board the Convertine. Asked the Duke of Albemarle and Prince Rupert for an appointment, hoping to get a station in the Royal Charles. Was ordered to the Montague until the Sovereign should be ready, but finding no suitable cabin, went again into the Vanguard. Has at last been removed into the Sovereign, and received tickets for himself and clerk. Begs payment of the same. [*Adm Paper.*]

June? 149. Statement by Jas. Hickes of his correspondence with Hen. Muddiman. Had orders six years since from Sec. Nicholas to let Muddiman's letters pass free, and attended carefully to them, but Muddiman grew cold in August, and said Hickes had written to his correspondents; Muddiman beginning to send only the common News-book to his correspondents, reproached him with abuse of his privilege of sending free. He received few letters back, and therefore though he sent so many letters, receiving from 40*s.* to 40*l.* each from his correspondents, the King was little benefited. This was found out when the Court was at Oxford, and he was dismissed from further service. He still tried to get his letters passed free, and pretended he was dismissed because Williamson wanted to get the Gazette into his own hands, that the chief correspondence, both of Williamson and Hickes, was gained through him, and declared though he was no longer able to see private letters, he would write as good news as before. [2¼ *pages.*]

June? 150. Proposal of Sir Wm. Leach, Bart., to raise and arm a troop of horse at his own expense, ready to march where commanded, if he may have a commission.

June? 151. Memorial for Lord Arlington to send a muster master to Northampton on July 6, to muster the troops of the Earl of Northampton, and to Huntingdon for those of the Major; to consider of arms for 240 men, and to enable Major Walden to press 500 in the Isle of Ely for the service of the fleet.

June? 152. Names of the ships in each of the three squadrons—Red 28, White 26, and Blue 26. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June. 153. Sam. Langford to [Pepys]. Reports the imperfect nature of the victualling accounts lately sent in, with proposals for a remedy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June. 154. Account by John Shales and W. Thorowgood of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags returned into the stores at Portsmouth during the month. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[June.] 155. Note of salaries due to Peter Cefslo, Matt. Battaglia, and John Sebenico, who entered the King's service 1st April 1666; and to Vincenzo and Bartolomeo Albrici, who entered 1st October 1665; total, 450*l.*

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1666 June. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge, of Deal, to Williamson of the number of ships in the Downs, &c.:—

| | Date. | Ships. | Wind. | Notes. |
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| 156. | June 21 | 2 | N.E. | |
| 157. | „ 22 | 2 | N.E. | Asks whether to desist writing on account of the contagion. |
| 158. | „ 23 | 2 | N. | |
| 159. | „ 24 | 1 | N.E. | |
| 160. | „ 26 | 2 | S. | |
| 161. | „ 28 | 1 | S.E. | Five vessels have passed through for London; the Colchester is gone for the fleet. |
| 162. | „ 29 | 1 | N. | Shooting heard at sea; thought to be the Dutch fleet near Dunkirk. |
| 163. | „ 30 | 1 | N.N.W. | News of the enemy being at sea; the country is in arms and continual watch kept. |

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1666. July 1. 1. [—— Roquet to Sir Phil. Frowde]. Whilst bonfires are made in England for the victory against the Dutch, they are made [in Holland] for the victory over the English. Sends De Witt's relation of the fight. The Dutch are sure to be first out at sea, and this they think will show the world their advantage. [*Partly in cypher, not decyphered. Endorsed in lemon juice.*] Col. White is not yet gone for England. The Dutch and French do not intend a descent as yet, though it is generally expected, because the Dutch have 5,000 French soldiers on board. De Ruyter and Trump expect to surprise the English in the Nore, and burn the ships there, and even in the Thames. Several fire-ships are preparing; these and the boarding of vessels are chiefly to be provided against, for the Dutch and French intend to board, not having been much opposed in doing so in the last engagement. The French King seems to press a conjunction of his fleet with those of Holland and Denmark, but some say he will first see the English and Dutch fight another battle. The States are preparing for a third battle, in case of a defeat. All generally wish for nothing more than a peace. This is the 8th letter sent by Rolans.

July 1. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 2. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Hear that the Dutch are anchored near Longsand Head. Do not think they will be hardy enough to come to the Nore. Will receive them well if they do, but want fire-ships. Think there is no ground

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for the great apprehensions of the enemy's landing, as they have no horse, and their foot are only fit to man the ships; after so great a loss, they are not prepared for invasion. They may have given it out to conceal the loss of men, but neither they nor the French will attempt a descent till the next battle is over, so that it is more important to supply the fleet than to disturb the trained bands and land forces, further than to secure houses and sheep on the coasts from pillage.

July 1. Buoy of the Nore. 3. Prince Rupert to the King. Begs that the London may be hastened. Will not question Jerry Smith's care, but thinks he need not wait a spring tide to come to the Long Reach. The ships which were at Sheerness have come forth, and the squadron is ordered to divide into three. Fears the Fairfax will be left in a sad condition, and the captain is out of his wits to leave the service at present. Wishes his father had the same sense of honour. Recommends Sir Thos. Clifford as a fitting person for some necessary service.

July 1. Pembroke. 4. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The fleet of 60 sail named in his last caused the town of Tenby to get in a posture of defence. Thinks they are cow carriers and the Bristol Virginia fleet.

July 1. 5. Fra. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

July 1. 6. Sir Thos. Clarges, [commissary of musters], to Williamson. The account of the establishment [of forces] which he asks for is with Sir Wm. Coventry for the Duke of York; has sent to Sir Stephen Fox to have one copied for Williamson. In the new establishment, a proportion of deputy commissaries must be added. With those he has, can do little more than is now required of him.

July 1. Bridlington. 7. John Bower to James Hickes. Thanks for news and Gazettes. Is ordered, by expresses from the Mayor of Hull and Sir Wm. Coventry, to give notice to all ships within his reach and along the coast that the Holland fleet has been seen off the North Foreland. Has been aboard the Pembroke and Fountain, riding with 80 sail of light colliers.

July 1. Sunderland. 8. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Two of the enemy's men-of-war have been seen off the coasts, waiting to catch colliers, and another has gone southward with two boats at the stern.

July 1. Plymouth. 9. John Clarke to Williamson. The Guernsey and Eagle have brought a French prize into Falmouth, and have returned to their station; seven Dutch prisoners, out on security and shipped for Barbadoes, have escaped, and it is believed they have taken away the prize officers' boat.

July 1. 10. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

July 1. 11. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. The master of a boat who has been towards the fleet saw the Dutch fleet eight leagues east of the Isle of Thanet. Note of ships in the Downs. Wind north-west.

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July 1. Dover. 12. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Sir Philip Frowde. The French fleet went by last night. Allen Archer, master of one of the Calais boats, coming over from Calais, met nine ships, but could not hear whether they were Dutch or French. It is rumoured that the French will land, and honest men wonder why foot and horse are not sent down to fortify the port, which has only the town company.

July 1. Margate. 13. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is in view, hovering between Margate and Orford-Ness; they have not yet joined the French fleet; the ships seen near Dungeness might be merchant vessels bound southward; good guard is kept, and Sir Rich. Sandys has brought his foot and horse company into the island.

July 1. Walmer. 14. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. The Dutch fleet is said to be 90 or 100 sail; four are cruising at South Sands, on the back of the Goodwin. The Pearl is gone up to London, with two Swedish frigates laden with masts, which they say will serve the best ship in England. The plague breaks out in fresh houses in Deal. A regiment of foot is gone to the Isle of Thanet.

July 1. Deal Castle. 15. Capt. S. Titus to Lord Arlington. Was obliged to go through the companies of his regiment to put them in order. On Friday, the Dutch fleet of 90 sail appeared before the North Foreland. On Saturday, it was thought they meant to do mischief at Margate, but they put off to sea, and nothing has been heard of them since. In the Isle of Thanet are 300 men of his regiment, two of the county companies, and two small troops of horse under Sir Rich. Sandys and Lieut.-Col. Rooke. Dares not quarter any companies in Deal, it is so dismally affected. Will draw men from Sandwich if needful, but hopes not to be besieged longer than men can conveniently fast.

July 1. Harwich. 16. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Many people who have been up to the beacon report that the Dutch fleet is off Longsand Head. All are in a hurry, there being no fortifications about the town; the men in general are willing; the last news is that 60 or 70 sail are near Bardsey Sand, some at anchor.

July 1. Dor[chester]. 17. Jo. Kin. to [Williamson]. Weymouth and Portland are unable to make any resistance if an enemy should come, and all the sea coast is without arms and ammunition, though before these late times, every county had its magazine, and noblemen and gentlemen arms and horses. There are no arms now except those of the trained bands. The importance of Portland and Weymouth will be found out too late. Will pay him quarterly or half-yearly, as he pleases.

July 1. Falmouth. 18. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Eagle and Guernsey left on the 30th, bound westward to convoy the Virginia fleet or any other ships through the Channel. The Nightingale has taken what men can be had thereabouts for the fleet, but expects more

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from the west, having only 200 on board, with the 50 soldiers from Pendennis. The Dutch have left off their trade; wishes the English would do the same, that the fleet might be better supplied with men and ships.

July 1. Berwick. 19. Mark Scott to Williamson. Lord Widdrington, the governor, has come and drawn 150 men from the garrison to go aboard the fleet; they are marching to Tynemouth to be shipped; he is putting the walls and fortifications into repair, and has, with the mayor and officers, gone through the merchants' granaries, and found good store of corn; his lordship, coming from Widdrington, saw 60 sail of ships on that coast. Capt. Hamilton has brought into Edinburgh four vessels, three laden with wine, &c., and Capt. Browne two vessels of wine and one of timber; he took another prize, and left it manned to cruise up and down till his return. Capt. Gideon Murray has brought three prizes into Leith road. [2 *pages.*]

July 1. Portsmouth Dockyard. 20. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. All sorts of people die daily of the distemper; Mr. Tippetts will give account of the materials wanted for the new second-rate ship. Hopes the Warwick will shortly be at Spithead; could have made more haste, but that all the best men are taken away by privateers. The number of ropemakers and spinners is so decreased by the sickness that the work must be hindered. Has bought 10 tons of English hemp cordage; the East Country hemp is kept for water cordage. [*Adm. Paper, two pages.*]

July 1. The Leopard. 21. Capt. Rich. Beach to the Navy Comrs. Wants a vessel for bringing down pressed men to his ship; is near 100 men short. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 1. 22. Schedule of letters of credit for victuals, granted at Portsmouth by John Shales for three ships, during the month of June. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 2. Little Victory. 23. Capt. Thos. Blackman to Sir Wm. Coventry. Phin. Pett is ill; will obey orders for the security of the 50 vessels under his convoy, as the Dutch fleet is at anchor off the Gunfleet, and a squadron may be expected in those roads where there is small defence. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 2. 24. ——— to Lord [Arlington]. When the Holland fleet was dispatched, a Scotch gentleman was sent into Scotland to give them notice, and it is expected that a considerable number will declare for the covenant, and, on that interest, will carry that whole kingdom before them. The Scotch in town are shy of communicating their design to sectaries, therefore thinks it purely Presbyterian; they are confident that all discontented and oppressed parties will fall in with them when they hear of insurrection, which is expected in a few days. The desperadoes there hear that the French and Dutch will land a body of men on the coasts, and are invited to redeem themselves, but no money is sent. They hope some

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appearance in the West and in Kent, upon the confusion expected when a foreign force lands on the coast, but they have neither money, counsel, nor conduct for such a design. Peaceable men begin to consider what they must do in case of invasion, and reflect, with no great pleasure, on their disappointment of that indulgence to their consciences which they promised themselves from the King's declarations, yet they are lovers of their country, would be sorry to see it a prey to foreigners, and might be encouraged, on very reasonable terms, to adventure their all to prevent it. [2 *pages.*]

July 2. Whitehall. Reference on the petition of the Burgesses of Camelford, Cornwall, for confirmation of their markets, and for two yearly fairs, to the Attorney General, who is to consider whether it can be granted without prejudice to other markets and fairs. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 212.]

July 2. 25. Petition of Nicholas Warren and Philip Jegon, merchants of London, to the King, for a pass for a French vessel, laden on their account with French goods not prohibited, to discharge in England, and return laden with English goods, on due payment of customs. *Annexing,*

25. 1. *Blank form of the warrant requested.*

July 2. The King to [the Lord Lieutenants of counties]. Fearing lest the enemy be encouraged to attempt a landing, if they perceive no increase of strength, has resolved, by advice of Council, to raise three regiments of horse, of 500 each, under the Earls of Lindsey, Northampton, and Cleveland, which may be disbanded towards winter. These are to be paid from the militia money; therefore accounts of what is already expended are to be sent, and all surplus money is to be immediately paid to Sir Stephen Fox. With notes of the dispatch of these letters. [*Ent. Book* 20, *pp.* 114–5.]

July 2? 26. List by Jo. Wood, quartermaster, of the officers of the Earl of Cleveland's regiment, blanks being left for those of the Earls of Lindsey and Northampton.

[July 2.] Commission of captaincy to a troop of 80 horse, beside officers, to be raised, armed, exercised, and kept in good order and discipline. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 116.]

July 2. Commissions or minutes of commissions after the above form; [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 20], as follow :—

Duke of Richmond to be Captain of a troop of horse of 60 men; Sir Paul Smith, his lieutenant; Sir Edw. Stradling, cornet; and Col. Miles Morgan, quartermaster. July 2.

Col. Wheeler the same; Col. Willm. Pretty his lieutenant, and Fras. Wheeler, cornet. July 4.

Col. Randolph Egerton the same; Col. John Barry, his lieutenant; and —— Penthaller, his cornet. July 3.

Sir Tobia Bridges the same; Fras. Knottesford, his lieutenant. July 5.

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Sir Walter Vane Captain; Col. Arnold Cooper, his lieutenant; Sir Willm. Throgmorton, cornet; and Walter Morgan, quartermaster. July 6.

Henry Jermin the same. July 7.

Lord Maynard the same; Willm. Maynard, cornet. July 8.

Lord Windsor the same; Capt. Thos. Mucklow, lieutenant; James Thynne, cornet; and Edw. Barrett, quartermaster. July 9.

July 2. Commissions for Capt. Samuel Underhill to be cornet, and Edw. Batson quartermaster, to his lordship's troop, in the Earl of Northampton's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 131*a.*]

July 2. Commission to Capt. John Edlington to be Cornet to Sir Simon Fanshaw's troop. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 131*a.*]

July 2. Commission to Edw. Bennett to be Quartermaster to Lord Windsor. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 121.]

July 2. 27. Establishment of six companies to be added to the Duke of York's regiment of foot, commanded by Sir Chichester Wray, and commonly called the Lord Admiral's regiment, with six drummers to be added to the six former companies; total additional cost, 9,900*l.* 16*s.* yearly. Signed by the King, Duke of Albemarle, Earl of Southampton, and Lord Arlington.

July 2. 28. List of 14 disaffected persons in and about London, with their business and the addresses of most of them.

July 2. 29. Thos. Lane to [Lord Arlington]. Met Laney, a French Protestant, who is earning a good livelihood in England, and thinking him a well wisher to the country, told him the good news of the enemy being routed; he looked very angry, and said "the writer's lies were never true."

July 2. 30. Sir P. Warwick to Williamson. The Brewers' Company have been with the Lord Treasurer to seek protection against the press master, and ask a security for a small number out of their many servants. The Lord Mayor knows the bulk of most of their trades; they will acquaint him where he does not, and be content with as few as they can to carry on their work. They wish Lord Arlington's letter to the Lord Mayor to that effect.

July 2. 31. Sir Phil. Frowde to Williamson. Most of the postboys on the Kentish road are pressed, so that unless some course be taken, expresses and envoys cannot come nor go. Thinks some of the Dutch fleet have stolen by.

July 2. Swansea. 32. John Man to James Hickes. Will write as directed, every post. Complains that some of his letters are detained two or three days later, by being put in the Carmarthen bag. *Encloses,*

32. I. *John Man to Williamson. On Thursday a fleet of* 30 *or* 40 *ships was discovered from Wormshead, supposed*

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*to be the French, but it was the Irish fleet bound for Minehead, Combe, and Barnstaple; it gave occasion of fear because, the wind blowing high, they were forced to stand nigh the shore. The Martingale, having brought vessels from Plymouth to Bristol, is calling at Swansea and Milford, to see if any vessels need convoy about land; if not she will put off to sea, to try to meet with some pickeroons that have lately troubled the western coasts.*

*Swansea, July* 2, 1666.

July 2. Minehead. 33. John Maurice to James Hickes. The Virginia fleet of 39 stout ships has arrived in Kinsale harbour; a Dutch caper off the north of Ireland took the Alexander of Bristol, one of their ships of 14 guns, which was to the leeward of the rest; the fleet tried to attack the rogue, but could not.

July 2. Pendennis. 34. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Capt. Willoughby, in the Portsmouth ketch, has brought orders from Plymouth for hastening the frigates, soldiers, and seamen to the fleet, and also the Nightingale; the soldiers on board her are very courageous, and wish themselves with the General. Capt. Long, the commander, is to take in 40 seamen to-day, and will then have 200 pressed men from that country on board, beside the 50 soldiers.

July 2. Aldborough. 35. Rich. Browne to Williamson. On the 1st, 70 sail of the Dutch fleet were seen four or five leagues to the south-east, standing northward; some ships have anchored, and several small ships stand into the bay; one of their men-of-war is aground on the Whiting Sand, 7 miles distant; some foot are come from the country, and more are hourly expected, for fear of an invasion; hopes they will not be so hardy. A dozen English men-of-war have passed northward, to convoy the coal fleet which is reported at 150; they should have notice or they may all be surprised; a hoy and a ship, which came near the coast of Holland, saw five Dutch men-of-war and two French sloops, and would have been taken had not night come on.

July 2. Languard Point Fort. 36. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The Dutch fleet of 60 sail has anchored near the Gunfleet, five leagues from the fort; fired a culverin at one of their sloops which came within gunshot, and would have sunk her but for the dark. The Little Spy chased and brought her in next morning, with only three men, the rest having got ashore and left her. The Rupert is hastening to join the English fleet, which will not be in sight till Wednesday or Thursday.

July 2. Truro. 37. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Capt. Long, of the Nightingale, is still in the harbour, taking in men for the fleet. Hears of no enemy about the coast.

July 2. Walmer. 38. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. The distemper is very violent at Deal, sweeping away whole families. No intercourse is permitted with Deal; letters must be sent by Sandwich. Report says the

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English fleet is 70 sail and the Dutch 90, and ships daily coming. Some say that the division of the English fleet last fight caused the loss. The trained company of Deal and Walmer cannot be in arms because of the infection. There is little talk of the French army.

July 2. Weymouth. 39. John Pocock to James Hickes. Fears his letters have miscarried. Will write by every post to him or Squire Williamson. The deputy lieutenants met at Weymouth by order of Council, to examine the mayor for not punishing religious meetings, as Quakers' and such like, and to summon him before Council. Three or four merchantmen have sailed for Guernsey under convoy, also two gentlemen with 4,000*l.* to pay the garrisons.

July 2. Dover. 40. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Will execute Lord Arlington's orders, but the master of the customs' boat, which is reported the nimblest sailer in England, and most fit for the employment, dares not let her go without order from the Farmers of Customs. She carries 10 men, 8 being rowers; begs an order that he may command the boat.

July 2. Dover. 41. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Could not see him in London, returning suddenly to Dover on finding himself charged, in the accounts of the port for prizes, with 968*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* due to the King, whereas he owes nothing; it is done in malice, by the person who drew up the articles against him at Oxford. The Lenox has brought in a wine prize bound for Middleburg. The Dutch fleet of 70 has sailed to the Gunfleet; 60 men of the trained band watch nightly; the castle, bulwark, and fort are on double guard. Sir Edw. Brett's troop are gone to Thanet, Sir Thos. Ingham's to Ashford. There was a false rumour that 40 Dutch merchant ships were at Calais to take in 14,000 or 15,000 French soldiers.

July 2. Margate. 3 P.M. 42. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet lies hovering between the North Foreland and Orfordness, and some of their scouts are seen once or twice daily. Hears not whether the French fleet is with them. Sir Rich. Sandys' horse and foot company, which have helped those of the island to keep guard, are going home, and a troop of London horse coming.

July 2. Cockpit. 43. Sir Thos. Clarges to Williamson. Is ordered by Sir W. Coventry to get one or two commissaries of musters ready in London, to be dispatched to muster all the new levies which are to be raised. The Lord General never sends orders for musters without a copy of the establishment, and a signification from what time and in what numbers the men are to be allowed; if raised at the King's charge, they are mustered when half are ready, and the rest are taken in by 15 or 20 at a time. Mr. Locke knows the forms of these things, and could draw up an establishment as Sir Wm. Clarke did, if he has notes of the numbers of the troops and companies. [1½ *pages.*]

July 2. 44. Certificate by Sir Wm. Coventry, that the late Capt. Jas. Smith served the King, during the troubles and since the Restoration,

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as commander of several ships, and was commander-in-chief after Sir John Lawson's first return from the Straits.

July 2. 45. Acknowledgment by Lord Mordaunt of the receipt of two letters from Lord Arlington, by James Pope.

July 3. 46. Envelope endorsed [by Lord Arlington's secretary]. "Col. Gifford prays this may be passed by immediate warrant, according to your lordship's promise, intending to go on board my Lord General so soon as ever it is passed."

July 3. Newcastle. 47. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The place is dead, both for trade and news. The coal ships are stayed by command; wishes the serviceable men on board were with the fleet, for when the sea is clear of enemies, there will be men enough for the colliers; they now lurk in the country, to the great shame of themselves, and their entertainers. Many hundreds of stout fellows who belonged to the coal works are going a-begging, and might be useful for the service; yet the town can neither furnish the fleet nor set out one privateer. They are charmed by the activity of the Scotch.

July 3. Aldborough. 48. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Revenge and Rupert, which came into the bay to press and receive recovered men, spied a French hoy laden with brandy, but she has the Duke of York's pass, and leave to load goods not prohibited, because she brought over part of the Scotch regiment. The captain was on board De Ruyter, and says his fleet is 66 fighting ships and 8 fire-ships; De Ruyter says he will go to the Nore, and fight the English. The French captain also says there are only 15 French men-of-war at Rochelle; Beaufort with the grand fleet is at Toulon, but they are daily expecting war with the Spaniards. Sir Robert Brooke, who is in the town with his foot, is transcribing the French passes, and will send copies and intelligence to the fleet.

July 3. Barnstaple Custom House. 49. P. Manaton to Williamson. There is news from Ireland of the arrival at Kinsale of 30 vessels from Virginia, which wait a convoy for England.

July 3. Plymouth Fort. 50. Sir John Skelton to Williamson. The Nightingale has arrived from Falmouth with 180 seamen and soldiers, and will sail to-night. Has cautioned the captain to go no further than the Isle of Wight or Portsmouth without orders. Is sending the Portsmouth ketch to Falmouth for 40 or 50 more men. The Victoria is ready; has taken 40 or 50 barrels of powder which was in possession of disaffected persons in the town.

July 3. Lewes. 51. R. Selby to James Hickes. At that place the want of a post causes more lies daily than Mr. Muddiman writes truths in a month: *e.g.*, that the Swedes have sent 20 men of war to help the English; that the Dutch have stopped up the Thames' mouth, and the French and Danes are assisting them; that 20,000 men are raising forthwith, and the trained bands of London marching to the seaside; that

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the two fleets are in sight of each other, the Dutch 82, English 70. Will send him a dish of green geese; wants to know how Lord Arlington likes his horse.

July 3. 52. J. Hayes to Williamson. The Dutch are about Longsand Head, 80 sail in all; there was a false alarm of 14 or 15 French men-of-war joining them, but they proved to be Ostenders. The Nore fleet increases daily, and is within four or five of 80, besides additions and fire-ships expected, so that the numbers will be equal, and the Dutch confess that they have been beaten before with inferior numbers; they feel that the English courage is of a different strain from the low Dutch; eight or nine men as good as any the Dutch have are condemned to be hanged at a court martial. These are the first examples of justice in capital punishment since the fleet came out. There is good supply of provisions, and men come in great shoals.

July 3. Plymouth. 53. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Nightingale put in with the soldiers from Pendennis, and pressed men from the west, and has sailed again.

July 3. 54. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 3. Margate. 1 p.m. 55. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet keeps its place, and is reported 80 sail and 20 tender and fire-ships. The troop of horse commanded by Sir Edw. Spragg are all quartered in the parish. The plague is much at Deal, but not at all in the Isle of Thanet.

July 3. 56. Petition of Eleanor, wife of Nich. Savery, to the King, for an order for release of some Dutch prisoners, in exchange for her husband, who was taken by the Dutch in the Swiftsure, and is prisoner at Rotterdam.

July 3. 57. Petition of Clara Spragg to the King, for a competent portion from Sir Edward Spragg, being his married wife by the œcumenic law of God and nations, but rejected by him and left in a strange country without friends, he having spent all her portion. Marked, "The petition of a lady that pretends to be the wife of Sir Edw. Spragg, and desires alimony."

July 3. 58. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. The Deal Castle is in the Downs. The Dutch fleet of 90 sail can be very plainly seen, and some of their fleet was almost in with the land. Wind south-west.

July 3. Whitehall. 59. Warrant for a grant to Mary, widow of Valentine Wanley, and to Mst. Snablin, aliens born, of all lands and personal estate bequeathed to them by the said Valentine Wanley, they having obtained letters of denization; also warrant for a commission for finding out and recovering the said estates. [2 *pages.*]

July 3. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 209–10.]

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July 3. Warrant for a grant to the said Mary Wanley of tenements in King Street, Westminster, and lands in Gloucestershire, left to her by her late husband; also of lands and tenements in Lambeth, granted by Gilbert, Archishop of Canterbury, to the late George Gentleman, in trust for Valentine Wanley, but which all reverted to the Crown from her being an alien, on condition that she grant to Mat Snablin 100*l.* left to him by the said Wanley, on his Gloucestershire estates, and that he and she pay 1,200*l.* to James Hamilton. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 266–9.]

July 3. Whitehall. Commission to Col. Ant. Buller to be commander-in-chief of the Scilly Islands, in the absence of Sir Fras. Godolphin, and to be captain of a company of 100 foot soldiers. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 117.]

July 3. Minutes of commissions for officers under command of Anth. Bullen; [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 118]:—

Mr. Rosecarrock captain of foot.

Anth. Stamp lieutenant and Peter Buller ensign to Anth. Buller.

John Arundell captain, and Michael Bland his lieutenant.

July 3. Commissions for Ch. Crompton to be Lieutenant, and Robt. Hill Cornet to Col. March's troop in Lord Cleveland's regiment. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 123.]

July 3. Commission for Capt. Willm. Fines to be Lieutenant to Capt. Killigrew. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 123.]

July 3. The King to Viscount Mordaunt, governor of Windsor Castle. As the militia money is to be employed in paying the three regiments of horse lately enlisted, he is to send an account of receipts, and pay the remainder, lodged in the castle as a place of strength, to Sir Stephen Fox. With note of like letters to the following persons:—

Sir John Robinson, for the Tower.
Sir Phil. Musgrave, for Carlisle Castle.
Earl of Bath, for Plymouth.
Lord Herbert of Ragland, for Chepstow Castle.
Capt. Strode, for Dover Castle.
Lord Newport of Heanhale, for Shrewsbury Castle.
—[*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 125.]

July 3. Whitehall. 60. Blank commission for a quartermaster for Col. Randolph Egerton.

July 3. Portsmouth Dockyard. 61. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam Pepys. All the inhabitants of the yard are in health; 15 a day die in the town; one ropemaker being asleep on the hemp, woke up, and finding himself ill, went home, and next day died of the plague. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 3. Portsmouth. 62. John Tippetts to the Navy Comrs. The purveyor not having arrived, cannot give account of timber felled and brought in;

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requests an order for the winter felling of 100 oaks in the New Forest; fears Sir Wm. Warren or Mr. Cole's plank would be too short for the new ship; some of the four-inch plank must be sent in four months. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 3. 63. Rich. Reynell, clerk of the Surgeons' Hall, to Thos Hayter. Thos. Robson has received free-gift and imprest money for the Swallow, on the removal of Mr. Shales, the former surgeon, to the Tiger. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 3. Royal Oak. 64. Sir Joseph Jordan to the Victualler's Agent in London. The Prosperous hoy and Norwich ketch are to be supplied with two or three months' provisions, to enable them to bring seamen to the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 4. Dover Castle. 65. Sir John Strode, governor, to Sir Wm. Batten. Has received no account from Mr. White when and where his assistance is required. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 4. 66. Thos. Stollard, master of the Milkmaid, to the Navy Comrs. Has been long ready to proceed on his voyage; expects to sail immediately with the Little Victory and other ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 4. Dover. 67. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends the accounts for June; complains of the false entries in Mr. Wivell's book of warrants and issues, also of his refusing to show the general victualling account; must not go too often near his house, for fear of being provoked to extremes by his base conduct and language; intends for the future to take no further trouble about him, but rest satified with anything, unless ordered to the contrary. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*] *Encloses,*

67. I. *Account of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags returned from ships received at Dover during the month of June,* 1666.

July 4. Falmouth. 68. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The Eagle and Guernsey went out on the 30th, to convoy the Virginia fleet or any other ships they met with into the Channel. The Portsmouth came to press men, but the Nightingale had taken such as could be got. Luke Hall, captain of the Panther, reports that he chased three French vessels ashore, between the Isle of Base and the rock, which caused the French to fire their beacons and send shallops to give notice along the shore. The master of a Spanish vessel reports meeting 14 French men-of-war bound for Lisbon, with the Queen of Portugal. He also took a French merchant ship, one of a fleet of 14, with the master of a man-of-war on board, but the man-of-war gave chase, and the prize escaped. The said master says that the Duke of Beaufort has not yet been north of Lisbon; they report 300 vessels as belonging to Lisbon, which is incredible. The French keep three or four pickeroons about Rochelle, to give intelligence. The Hawk ketch has come in, convoying some Isle of Wight men. [2 *pages.*]

July 4. 69. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect. [2 *pages.*]

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July 4. Hull. 70. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Thanks for the good news of victory over the Dutch. Another Swedish flag-ship has arrived, and reports that the Denmark fleet is at Copenhagen, and the Swedish fleet ready to watch its motions. The sloop that lies at the mouth of Hull harbour robbed the said ship of clothes, money, and what else was easy to carry away. The London fleet will sail the first fair wind, having only the Blackamoor pink as convoy; the Panther goes with them, laden with Swedish and other goods. Judges Turner and Rainsford have arrived, and gone forward.

July 4. Tunbridge. 71. Lord Douglas to Williamson. His major will wait on him for commissions, and give the names of the officers that are changed and of the staff officers.

July 4. Warrant to Lieut. Francis to search the house of Mr. Carter for suspicious persons. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 211.]

July 4. London. 72. Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor of London, to Williamson. Lord Chamberlain Manchester having spoken to the Common Council from the King himself, so advantageously to His Majesty's honour and the public encouragement, and having done the city the honour to send the words in writing, sends him the original, to put what part he pleases into the Gazette.

July 4. [Norwich.] 73. Robert Scrivener to James Hickes. Is sorry he is displeased with the smallness of his payment for intelligence, but his trade is very low, most of his guests having gone out of the town through the increase of the sickness; will give more when trade is better. The drums are beating for soldiers for the Duke of Albemarle; 38 have died in the city and two in the pest-house of the plague.

July 4. Lyme. 74. Ant. Thorold to Williamson. Writes every post, but fears his letters are not regularly delivered. They were startled with the news that the Dutch were out, and had a design on the western coasts. The freemen and others were summoned to the town hall, and laid down money to buy ammunition; the great fort guns are kept charged, and good watch kept in the harbour every night. There is a general muster, and all that are capable are to bear arms; they hope to be able to prevent any design of fire or plunder.

July 4. York. 75. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. The Duke of Buckingham came in post last night, and this afternoon, the deputy lieutenants of the West Riding attend him.

July 4. Weymouth. 76. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Nonsuch reports, on return from Guernsey, that the islands are in great readiness to resist any attempt; 15 sail of great ships were seen south-west of Portland Isle yesterday.

July 4. Dover. 77. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. The Flanders packet was three times plundered. A French privateer carried prize to Dunkirk three Holland vessels, having passes from the States to England. Sir Rich. Sandys has taken letters from Peter Van Statt's house, near Sandwich, intimating the intent of the Dutch and French to

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land at Sandwich. Wants orders to take the Custom House boat, and to search all masters of packet boats for letters. Is afraid they carry letters from some in the town to the enemy. Will search them at sea, if he have the command of that boat.

July 4. Margate. 78. Joh. Smith to Williamson. Writes daily as requested, but has no news. The Dutch continue the same as yesterday.

July 4. Poole. 79. Allen Skutt to Williamson. All continue healthy. The deputy lieutenants sent Capt. Reeves to the town to give them an account of its store of ammunition and posture of defence; Reeves has returned to the Duke of Richmond.

July 4. Noon. 80. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. Some of the enemy's scouts made the Guinea which lay at the Gunfleet quit her station and come to middle ground. They came as far as the Spits, but when the tide went down, joined their fleet, and came to anchor at Longsand Head. Most of their fleet are standing northward.

July 4. Norwich. 81. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. The lord lieutenant's care is eminent; he and the deputy lieutenants met at East Dereham to put the militia in a posture against invasions. The plague grows fast, and poverty faster. Must address the King for a letter to quicken the contributions in the diocese upon the monthly fast.

July 4. Languard Point Fort. 82. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The Dutch fleet, increased to 100 sail, rides at anchor nine leagues from the port. The Spy has brought in a small Dutch vessel, deeply laden. The Rupert and another man-of-war in harbour will not stir till the English fleet is in sight. Great guns have gone off very thick, but the event is not known.

July 4. London. 83. Sir Rich. Ford to Williamson. Sends a translation of the articles made by Mr. Warren with Sally. They are better than any made before, but he says they would have been better still if he had had a ship of war to countenance him, and if the Algerines had not then had five ships of war ready to go to sea.

July 4. Gray's Inn. 84. Thos. Wharton to Williamson. Requests his favour in introducing to Lord Arlington Capt. Fielding, a relation to the writer and to Sir Phil. Musgrave, who is commended by the latter to succeed his son, Lieut. Simon Musgrave, drowned ten days since.

July 4. 85. F. N. to Lord [Arlington]. The neighbour counties of [North] Wales lie generally open to invasion, for want of settling their militia. Some course should be taken for defence of those that lie open to the sea. If the French should land an army in Anglesey, they might defend it against all England, taking Beaumaris and Conway Castles, and make incursions into the country at the low tide. Anglesea has plenty of corn and cattle to keep their army a year. Wishes his letter not to be shown to the Council, as his information is not given publicly. [2 *pages.*]

July 4. Stamford. 86. Certificate by Thos. Hawkins, mayor of Stamford, Lincolnshire, that Adam Baynes and Rich. Lyne, with their wives and

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servant, came from Ireton, Northamptonshire, by Uffington, which places are free from contagious disease, and may go safely to York and elsewhere, and return to Ireton.

July [4]. Note for Col. Wheeler to be Captain of a company of horse. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 119.]

July 4. Whitehall. 87. Blank commission for a quartermaster to Capt. Wheeler's company.

July 5. Whitehall. 88. Commission to John Wise to be Lieutenant to —— Morloyen's company of foot in the Admiral's regiment.

July 5. Minutes of commissions for four companies of foot added to the Holland regiment commanded by Col. Sydney; [*Ent. Book* 20. *pp.* 119, 140]:—

Willm. Killigrew, Captain, and Chas. Killigrew, Ensign, July 3

Robt. Morgan, Captain; Willm. Miles, Lieutenant; and Philip Kennedy, Ensign, July 2.

—— Cotter, Captain, and Abednego Mathews, Ensign, July 5.

Henry [Edw.?] Ewbank, Captain, and Willm. Bourke, Lieutenant, July 4.

[July 5.] 89, 90. Two papers of memoranda of the above commissions.

July 5. Commission for Henry Reeves to be Lieutenant in Timothy Blencow's company of foot in Portsmouth. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 119.]

July 5. Minutes of commissions for Lord Douglas's regiment; [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 121]:—

George Lord Douglas, Colonel of a regiment of foot consisting of 12 companies of 100 men each, and Captain of a company of foot.

[John] Rattray, Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain of a company of foot.

[Alex.] Munro, Major.

July 5. 91 List of the officers of the 12 companies in the said regiment, viz.:—

| Captains. | Lieutenants. | Ensigns. |
|---|---|---|
| Col. Lord George Douglas. | Wm. Douglas. | Adam Britton. |
| Lieut. Col. John Rattray. | Tege Regan. | George Rattray. |
| Major Alex. Munro. | Jas. Buchanan. | John Mackarel. |
| Adam Tyrie. | Alex. Strachan. | John Du Four. |
| Arch. Douglas. | John Douglas. | And. Hamilton. |
| Rob. Tonris. | Jas. Stuart. | And. White. |
| Pat. Monteith. | Chas. Karney. | John Sandelins. |
| John Stuart. | Pat. La Lisle. | Jas. Douglas. |
| Patrick Livingston. | George Commine. | Kenneth Mackeny. |
| Lord Jas. Douglas. | Jas. Leith. | Alex. Scremger. |
| Thos. Bannatyne. | John Douglas. | George Cockburn. |
| Jas. Douglas. | Jos. Douglas. | Pat. Tyne. |

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July 5. Commission for —— Bolton to be Ensign to Col. Howard's company in the Holland regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 123.]

July 5. Commission for Thos. Wingsted (?) to be Quartermaster to Sir Thos. Bridges' troop of horse. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 124.]

July 5. 92. Note that the Scotch regiment agrees with the establishment of foot regiment of Guards; except that the Scotch desire a physician, and the soldiers demand 10*d.* a day pay, whereas those in garrison have only 8*d.* They propose for the three reformed captains and the reformed lieutenant to be mustered in the colonel's company, as is usual in France, where they served in turns; also for the King's troop to have three corporals, three trumpeters, and one kettle-drum; the other troops two trumpeters and three corporals.

July 5. The King to Sir Thos. Clarges, commissary general of musters. Seven troops of horse being ordered,—each to consist of a lieutenant, cornet, quartermaster, 3 corporals, 2 trumpeters, and 80 soldiers,—he is to muster each troop as soon as 30 men are raised, completely armed and mounted, and the rest weekly, till the full number of 80 is complete; the commission officers are to be allowed from the first muster, the captain, lieutenant, and cornet each to have two led horses, and the quartermaster one. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 126.]

[July 5.] 93. Draft of the above.

July 5. Pass for Sir Lewis D'Aken and family to go beyond seas. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 105.]

July 5. Warrant for the title of Baronet to Sir John Poyntz, of Iron Acton, co. Gloucester. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 211.]

July 5. Ipswich. 94. Chr. Ludkin to John Knight, serjeant surgeon, Durham Yard, London. The Dutch fleet, 100 sail, 80 of which are men-of-war, continues in the Gunfleet. The men of the Revenge, which came in to impress, says that 30 of De Ruyter's men in his boat landed on the marshes about Bardsey for fresh meat for their general, but boat and men were all taken, as was some wine, &c., going to him. The seamen grow better minded; a dozen stout fellows have offered themselves to the lieutenant of the Revenge. [2 *pages.*]

July 5. Loddington. 95. J. Bentham to [Williamson]. Will bring his eldest son to London, and then pay Williamson's servant for sending the weekly intelligence to the writer and his cousin Fiennes. The people are discouraged by strange reports of the last engagement. The Earl of Northampton's troop fills slowly, and so will that of the Earl of Peterborough, who is to glean after the others. All pretend willingness to oppose an invasion, but wait for others rather than set an example. Despairs of raising the expected force, unless the King were to write to the lord lieutenants letters on the pressing dangers of the kingdom, to be communicated to the nobility, gentry, and clergy, and desire each to advance horse and arms according to their ability; 500 horse might thus be raised in that country; riders would easily be procured, many able men being willing to serve who have not money to provide horse and arms. Any gentleman of 500*l.* a year would

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give a horse, and others in proportion; would do so himself. There is a report of a strange pressing in London, from which no persons, though worth many hundreds, are excused. The gentry wonder why a press has not been sent into those parts, which could furnish men with less noise. [2 *pages.*]

July 5. Royal Charles. 96. Duke of Albemarle to the King. Thanks for His Majesty's two letters. The men seem hearty and cheerful; if the ships of force in the river and the fire-ships come up on Monday or Tuesday, hopes to sail this day week, and soon to send a good account of the next engagement.

July 5. Thursday, Royal Charles. 97. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Came well to Lee on Tuesday, but the tide being contrary, was forced to wait yesterday morning's tide. The fleet is removed a league further than when his lordship was there. Yesterday the scouts made signs of seeing the enemy, and a fisherman said they lay at anchor in the Gunfleet, except 14 or 16 sail that plied up and down, and have been sounding the ground. We are 80 good sail, and complain of no want but of fire-ships and good seamen, many of those impressed being unfit for service; all are cheerful and in good heart, and make themselves merry with the new comers. There is a dancing master, and two men who are or feign themselves mad, and make very good sport to a bagpipe. Lord Townsend has sent 100 able seamen and promises more, and 50 are come from Plymouth. Though the Dutch lie on the coast, they do not hinder commerce both from west and north. The pressmasters were so busy at Gravesend that they offered to press Sir Edw. Seymour, as he was coming down with his son, and he is so wishful to go that he would be easily persuaded to it, thinking that the press frees him from the King's injunction to stay at home. Has told the Prince how often the King and Duke have been to look after the London and three other vessels much wanted, and he swore he thought them the best officers belonging to the fleet. Lord Albemarle has received the Council's letters about the militia of Middlesex and Devonshire. They should be directed in future to the Earls of Bath and Craven, who are deputed for that purpose. Capt. Utber is still in Harwich, and will be unable to join the fleet, if the Dutch be in the Gunfleet, so that a good ship will be wanting, but the flag will be transferred to some other, the rather that Utber did not make the dispatch he might have done. Several are condemned for mutiny and running away, and two or three will be executed to-morrow. [2½ *pages.*]

July 5. Thursday, 5 P.M., Royal Charles. 98. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The wind has been S.W. all day; they call it an English wind. Have heard nothing of the Hollanders, and believe yesterday's relation of their being in the Gunfleet to be a mistake. It is supposed they are without the Long Sands. Sir Thos Allin, with his squadron, is to go a league yet nearer the Gunfleet, and to have four frigates always ahead of him.

July 5. Careby 99. Jo. Hatcher to Williamson. Thanks for his weekly favours. If any new forces are raised, begs a command for a kinsman, who last winter left a considerable command he had under the States, and has ever since wished to serve King and country. He is a

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man of courage and conduct, and was 20 years an officer in the Low Countries.

July 5. Harwich. 100. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Hollanders keep their station, between the Gunfleet and Sledway. Two or three batteries for guns that lie unused should be raised. Told the chiefs they would be thanked for doing it, but they say they may not mount guns without orders. A troop of trained horse and a regiment of foot are marching thitherward. The three Dutchmen taken broke prison, but were retaken at Ramsey. Thinks those who succour runaways should be severely punished. Begs a letter every post. The Dutch are exercising their small shot. Thinks their fleet less by 30 sail than at first.

July 5. 101. J. Knight, surgeon-general, to Williamson. Lord Arlington agrees that no surgeons have their commissions signed till allowed by him, as surgeon-general; also that all orders for chests and medicines be directed to him, to see that they are sufficient, both in quality and quantity.

July 5. Inner Temple. 102. Nic. Courtney to Williamson. Begs him, for Mr. Godolphin's sake, to hasten to dispatch by the bearer the petitions concerning Camelford.

July 5. Royal Charles. 103. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the Admiralty Officers. Desire them to agree with the Navy Comrs. for two ships to be hired to bring powder, shot, masts, and fishes to the fleet. [*Copy. Adm. Paper.*]

July 5. The Jersey. 104. Certificate, by Capt. Fras. Digby, of the loss of clothes, instruments, and necessaries by John Fighter, master of the Prince, lately wrecked. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 5. Ipswich. 105. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts for June; the pork has not arrived, cannot hear what has become of the vessel; the 17 frigates which victualled there are gone to the Nore; has sent the remainder of their provisions after them. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

105. I. *Account by And. Crawley of casks, iron hoops, and biscuit bags returned from ships in June* 1666. [1½ *pages.*]

105. II. *Schedule of letters of credit for provisions granted to* 20 *ships, in June, by And. Crawley.*

July 6. 106. Note by Mr. Cutler, sen., of eight prize ships brought into Leith by privateers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 6. Royal Charles. 107. Capt. Boteler Barnes to Sam. Pepys. Three of the men pressed from the Loyal Subject have escaped, by assistance of the Loyal Subject's boatswain and coxswain; the lieutenant refuses to give them up, or deliver the clothes of those on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 6. Warrant to pay to Sir Thos. Clarges 160*l.*, for the use of certain houses belonging to him in the Forbury of Reading Monastery, which have been taken for several years past for the equerries and servants of the stables. [*Docquet.*]

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July 6. Warrant for a grant to William Chiffinch, keeper of the King's closet, of a pension of 200*l.* a year. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 211.]

July. 6. Whitehall. 108. Order for a warrant for annuities of 50*l.* a year to Eleanor Withers and to Joan Halsnorth; to be paid by the receivers of cos. Oxford and Bucks.

July 6. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 212.]

July 6. Walmer. 109. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. There are six Dutch frigates at anchor at North Foreland. The Sorlings was coming with 200 pressed men, but had advice from the shore of the Dutch. The common report is very acceptable, that the whole fleet will be kept till all are ready; that one landman and one seaman will be put to every gun; also that all the small shot, which is double what was ever had before, will be landmen, which will be great ease to the seamen. Two French sloops lie near the South Foreland.

July 6. Norwich. 110. R. S[crivener] to James Hickes. Hopes Rob. Francis, Mr. Williamson's clerk, will accept his small bill [for intelligence]; will allow more in future, but the city looks very sad and people post out of town. Only takes a penny where he used to take 3*d*; 50 soldiers enlisted from the city for the Duke of York are marched to Sudbury.

July 6. Newcastle. 111. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Two vessels laden with corn from Holland were chased by a caper lurking north of Tynemouth Castle; one got to shore, the other ran on a rock, and the caper sent a long boat to get them off, but the Berwick soldiers and some troops sent by Sir Ralph Delavale came to their rescue; 50 or 60 vessels have come to harbour, with four French ships that brought the Scotch regiment from France; two frigates have come for the men commanded from Berwick, Tynemouth, and Carlisle. All wonder that no press comes to Newcastle, where are hundreds of able men who have nothing to do and are ready to starve. The soldiers are cheerful, and many have bought shoes to wear when they fight. A Swedish ship, laden with deals, has come into the harbour to unload.

July 6. Whitby. 112. Thos. Wade to Williamson. A small fleet of light colliers has left for Newcastle, with Capt. Goodlad and another frigate for convoy; thanks Mr. Hickes and himself for the news letters.

July 6. Plymouth. 113. John Clarke to Williamson. The Victory frigate is still there, and is to carry pressed men to the fleet. Those parts are free from contagious disease.

July 6. 114. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

July 6. Canterbury. 115. Capt. S. Titus to Lord Arlington. Has been chiefly in the Isle of Thanet since his last. There was a hot alarm last night, by five Dutch men-of-war sailing close to shore at the North Foreland, and it was said they were landing at Broadstairs. Marched thither with part of two of his own companies, Sir Edw. Brett and Lieut.-Col. Rooke's troops, but found them standing off to sea. They sailed with English colours, and thus were seen to take three English ketches.

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The plague rages at Deal. Can hardly restrain all commerce of seamen. Came to Canterbury to wait on Lord Middleton, but he is not yet arrived.

July 6. Whitehall. 116. Order for a warrant to pay to Thos. Whitgrave a pension of 200*l.* a year for life, to be received by him from the receiver of cos. of Oxford and Berks.

July 6. Pembroke. 117. Fra. Malory to James Hickes. The Martin frigate has come into harbour. The post from Carmarthen came in on the 1st instant, at 7 a.m., and goes out that day at noon.

July 6. 118. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 6. Dover. 119. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The fleet of 80 sail of great ships is in good posture at the buoy in the Nore; 6 other ships, with 10 merchant ships, and 40 fire-ships are daily expected. The enemy, 100 sail, are about the Gunfleet. No packets have come from France or Flanders this week. Dover is free from contagion, but Deal is sadly visited.

July 6. Margate. 120. Joh. Smith to Williamson. Six Dutch scouts landed three miles from North Foreland; the guards are vigilantly kept. The wounded men under his care do well. Wants a positive order from Squire Evelyn, or some other of the Commissioners, to take care of them. Will take charge of these or any other, not doubting of satisfaction.

July 6. 121. Dr. Brune Ryves to his son, Robt. Sewell, St. Paul's Churchyard. Declines his offer of accommodating Doll at his house at Wadham Green, and wishes her sisters to forbear visiting her.

July 6. Reference to the Attorney General on the part of the Carmen of London to be incorporated distinct from the woodmongers, and subordinate to the city's government, to prevent the engrossing of fuel into a few hands. [*Ent. Book* 18, *pp.* 211, 212.]

July 6. Order granting the petition of Nich. Warren and Phil. Gegon, merchants, for a pass for a French vessel of 200 tons, on condition that the vessel bring in such commodities as may be of use to the navy, and carry out the manufactures of the kingdom. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 212.]

July 6. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of Mr. Edwards, for remission of 200*l.* imposed upon him by the late Protector and usurper, as surety for Thomas Greene, deceased, and Capt. Dover, now a reformado on board the Rainbow. [*Ent Book* 18, *p.* 213.]

July 6. Whitehall. 122. Order in Council that the Officers who are to command the militia horse, drawn out of the inland counties, and appointed to rendezvous at St. Alban's, Maidenhead, and Northampton, have pay allowed equal to other horse officers of the same qualities.

July 6. Whitehall. 123. Order in Council that Lord Arlington prepare a commission constituting Lord Colepeper, governor of the Isle of Wight, captain of a foot company to be raised by him for defence of the island.

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July 6. 124. Mor. Lodge to Williamson. The Sorlings is in the Downs. The ships which lay yesterday E.S.E. of the Foreland are near Margate, being 5 men-of-war and 3 others, with English colours, but believed to be the enemy; 2 vessels bound for the fleet were warned back by an express. Wind west.

July 7. Edinburgh. 125. Rob. Meine to Williamson. Two more prizes are brought into Leith. There are not arms in the kingdom for the 100th man, since it was disarmed by the usurpers. The people are much concerned about the war, and thousands throng the post office daily for good news.

June 7. Coventry. 126. Ralph Hope to Williamson. The gentlemen of Leicestershire met at Leicester, and the county militia are to appear before them. The beacons are fitting with all diligence. The trained bands of Coventry are ordered to fix their arms and appear on Tuesday. A general meeting of the gentry and trained bands of Warwickshire is expected at Warwick. There has been dreadful thunder and lightning, the flashes so thick and long that the smallest print might have been read by them.

June 7. Newcastle. 127. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A hundred sail of light colliers have come in sight, convoyed by the [Little] Victory and Sapphire; 70 are gone to Sunderland, some to Scotland, and some have come into harbour. There is a press come, but it will not do much good, as things are not well managed.

July 7. Languard Point Fort. 128. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The Dutch fleet daily increases; they have nine flag-ships; 20 English frigates have sailed, to-morrow 20 more will go, and on Monday the whole fleet,—115 sail beside 30 fire-ships,—will sail for the Gunfleet. The Earl of Suffolk, the governor, has been at the fort and ordered the repairs. Sir Chas. Littleton has come and remains till orders. The whole county is in arms, waiting the movements of the Dutch. The Earl of Oxford has been at Harwich and ordered both horse and foot. There was a false alarm given by a gun fired from the fort to stay a vessel coming into harbour at night, but she was a friend coming with pressed men for the fleet. His former report about the Spy bringing in a prize proved incorrect.

July 7. West Cowes. 129. John Lysle to Williamson. Finds from the master of a French wine prize taken by the Nonsuch, that two French capers are cruising about the Isle of Boulogne; that Admiral Beaufort has arrived at Lisbon with 60 sail; that 50 Hamburgers and Dutch vessels came with him from Bourdeaux, who went about Ireland and Scotland, and that he left 60 others lading in the river; particulars of other ships met by him. The Orange, under Chris. Gunman, after a desperate fight, took a French East India ship laden with cloth of gold, silk, gold, pearls, precious stones, &c., worth 100,000*l.* sterling; but the men falling to plundering, and neglecting to look after the leaks in the ship, she sunk, and 36 English, overladen with treasure and unable to swim, were drowned. The French lost 40 drowned and slain, and 33 prisoners. Several prizes of wines and other

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goods have been brought in, but some much embezzled. The Guinea ships have sailed, but are stayed by winds in Portland Road. The trained bands watch the south-east part of the Isle [of Wight], for fear of an enemy, that coast being weak and having no supply from the mainland; horse are wanting to hinder a landing. A little would repair the castles and forts; 15 or 16 Frenchmen from one of the prizes, who are going about the island, should be secured. Complains that his packets are not to be opened till surveyed at the castle. [3 *pages.*]

July 7. Royal Charles. 130. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Sir Thos. Clifford is on board, and resolves to see the other encounter. Thinks it well to have the trained bands ready, but fears the raising too many new forces may break up all for want of money. Has 86 men-of-war, besides fire-ships, but some of the merchant ships contracted for have not more than 20 or 30 men on board, and several will have to be left for want of seamen.

July 7. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 131. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. They have 86 good ships, beside six fire-ships, four more expected, and others furnishing from other places. Two of the eight men condemned at a court-martial were executed yesterday; one was Thos. Harris, a mutineer, the other's offence was running away; he was taken by lot; these examples will save many lives, and prevent great offences; the publishing of them will be of consequence. Sir Thos. Allin's squadron has gone towards the enemy as far as the Ouze edge, and when the fire-ships come, they hope soon for a glorious victory.

July 7. Saturday, Royal Charles. 132. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Will remind the Prince to write to his sister the Princess. Has delivered to the Prince and General the letters and news sent. Great industry is used to make the ships ready, and distribute the pressed men, who come in plentifully, but all the captains complain for want of seamen; however this has been their practice when they have been well enough off, therefore hopes they are so now. The Lion cannot join the fleet, as all her men, except 25, have got into the country, but the Fairfax has come in well manned, by the diligence of Sir Jo. Chicheley, who was resolved to put it in good condition into his successor's hands; he leaves the fleet regretted by all. Sir Thos. Allin's squadron is nearly a league on towards the Gunfleet, the wind E.S.E., not so English as it was yesterday. Two condemned persons have been hanged on the Crown, one for mutiny and one for running away. The Swedish volunteer has come on board, and is very civilly treated both by the Prince and the Lord General. [2 *pages.*]

July 7. Royal Charles. 133. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. Has delivered the news to the Prince and General. Has sent Lord Arlington what is worth noting.

July 7. Buoy of the Nore. 134. Ja. Reade to Williamson. The Admirals are diligent in putting the fleet in order. If the ships come down from the river well manned, there will be 100 good men-of-war, beside fire-ships;

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numbers of men come daily, if they were hnt good, but not one waterman; either those were culled out before, or the masters of the vessels played the knave. Norwood, one of the masters, complained that 15 men out of 54 that he brought, would not leave him, being Danes, Hollanders, or Quakers; these are returned to Sir John Robinson, to be sent to Chelsea College. The fleet is in good health, all full of desire to meet the insulting onemy, who lie near Longsand Head; there is small fear of their landing, for they have no horse, and will not part with men till the next brunt is over. There are many seamen on land who have no way to be sent to the fleet; one man was hanged on the Crown for running away with a boat, and one for mutiny; six more were condemned, but had mercy.

July 7. Northampton. 135. Earl of Peterborough to [Williamson]. Gives him notice, as requested, that he is ready to muster, and wants orders to do so on Thursday. Hopes both in time and quality to equal others who have almost as many years as he has had days to provide for it. Will try to improve the country and militia. Has ordered the assembling of the horse commanded by Council. That country could supply many men if a press were sent. The disorder of the militia, owing to former want of care, gives husiness enough. Will make it one of the best in the provinces, if the King will countenance him, and suffer him to place active and industrious officers. [3 *pages.*]

July 7. Exeter. 136. Earl of Bath to [Williamson]. The deputy lieutenants residing in the city are ready to obey the King's letters, and serve their country on this important occasion; the militia is in good posture, under good officers, and with plenty of ammunition. Wishes Devonshire may be in no worse condition; has sent for the deputy lieutenants of the county to meet at Exeter. Begs an answer to a letter sent to Lord Arlington from Andover, that he may know what answer to give to the chief persons of the county about the service. Lord Arundel has hastened into Cornwall; will follow him, after dispatching the affairs of Devonshire according to the King's commands. Thanks for his promise of correspondence. [3 *pages.*]

July 7. Hornelaice. 137. Lord Scudamore to Williamson. Thanks for his letters and overtures of correspondence. His employment makes him well acquainted with such things and capable of apprehending, and grateful if sometimes entrusted with what is not communicated to every correspondent.

July 7. Weymouth. 138. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Guernsey fleet of 13 sail, who were wind-bound in Cowes Road, have come in, hound for Plymouth. Next week expects 500 county militia at Weymouth, and 500 at Dorchester, which is needful, the people being very apprehensive of the French landing.

July 7. Bristol. 139. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. All the Bristol Virginia fleet of 20 sail has arrived safe in Kinsale, except the Alexander, a slow

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sailer, which was taken by a Dutch man-of-war, and not one of the rest would stop to rescue her. There are 70 ships from Barbadoes, Virginia, and Nevis in Kinsale Road, waiting a convoy, though some, for a good market, may venture sooner. The Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire is hastening some of his militia horse to the several rendezvous, stout men, in good equipage.

July 7. 140. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Sends letters. The last Yarmouth mail was 66 hours in coming not 100 miles; there is general neglect on that road.

July 7. Bridlington. 141. John Bower to James Hickes. The news of the readiness of the Dutch and French is alarming, none of the trained bands there being on foot. The master of the Little Victory wishes Sir Wm. Coventry to be informed of his sailing by, with the Sapphire and 60 light ships. No Dutch capers have appeared since the King's ships came on that coast. The Duke of Buckingham is come to York. Expects land forces to be raised, without which they cannot be safe

July 7. Lyme. 142. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. At the musters of the trained bands, 100 men offered themselves for preservation of King and country, and were supplied with arms from the town magazine, which is well stored. A night watch of 25 men is kept, and the fort guns are constantly charged. The Orange convoyed five vessels from Jersey and Guernsey, which islands are reported in very good condition. She took a St. Malo prize richly laden, after a hard fight, but minding more her rifling than her preservation, she sank, and some of the Orange's men with her.

July 7. Bridgewater. 143. Willm. Symons to James Hickes. The deputy lieutenants of the county have met to put it in a posture of defence.

July 7. Southwold. 144. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. On the news of the Dutch fleet being near the coast, Sir John Rous raised his regiment of foot, and is very careful to keep his soldiers to their duties; 25 Dutch ships are reported to be near, and guns like those of setting and discharging watch are heard. Sir Chris. Myngs' men have gone cheerily to their ship.

July 7. Harwich. 145. S. Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch continue along the Sledway, except 12 or 14 about the Gunfleet. Huzee, a Frenchman who helped to bring over the Scots' regiment, had liberty to lade and return; he was seen by a Dutch cruizer, and brought on board the ship of De Ruyter, who, on seeing the Duke of York's pass, gave him his own and discharged him, but he was taken by an English dogger. He reports the Dutch fleet at 124; De Ruyter told him he had 76 ships of war and 15 fire-ships; his own ship has 80 brass guns and 522 men; 30 ships have 500 men each; they have six weeks' provisions. Young Trump is in the fleet with a new ship, his being sunk last fight. Thinks their fleet rather decreases than increases. Lord Oxford came with a few foot and horse, which are quartered in the country. Will not write his thoughts on their management.

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July 7. Harwich. 146. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. The Dutch remain between Ousely Bay and the Gunfleet; expects they will be swift to their own coasts, if the English fleet come down.

July 7. Hull. 147. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Another Swedish ship has arrived, and reports that a month ago 20 or 30 ships at Stockholm were ready for sea, and the rest of the fleet would be ready in 20 days; the Danish fleet is still before Copenhagen; they have only 18 or 20 good men-of-war. Capt. Lightfoot has been in the Humber two days, but has only impressed 30 men; some ketches will go with him, but he is ordered not to take charge of the Hull ships. The Earls of Shrewsbury and Cardigan, Lord Brudenell, and Col. Gilby have returned home from London.

Jnly 7. Chester Castle. 148. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Will try to keep up a correspondence in Ireland, but has no news at present. Capt. John Butler, who is raising men, will do his best to give intelligence. By Hickes's advice, has secured Wm. Jackson, leather dresser of Southwark, for writing and receiving suspicious letters; thinks he did it for fear of arrest, being in debt, but has secured him. Capt. Butler has gone to raise men in Lancashire. The Mayor of Chester was displeased because his leave was not asked before Butler's drum was beat in the city, and therefore refused quarters for his men till last night, when he consulted with his brethren. Wants more soldiers for the garrison, that being the only place of strength in those parts; it has not half enough to maintain it in case of danger. *Encloses,*

148. I. *W. M. to W[m. Jackson], at Rich. Marson's [or Mercer], Westchester. Private affairs; wishes to meet him before he comes to town; could write many things of consequence, but waits till he sees him.* [*Copy.*]
*London, July* 3, 1666.

148. II. *Examination of Wm. Jackson, of Barnby Street, Southwark, leather dresser. Particulars of his journey with Hen. Bullock and two Shrewsbury carriers from London to Shrewsbury, to buy raw goat skins; after staying a week there, went with a carter to Chester, and stayed a week there, but could buy no skins; went to Ireland, stayed six weeks in Dublin, only conversing with men of his own trade, and going about his own business, but the market would not serve, so returned to Rich. Mercer's, Chester. Was to have bought* 100*l. worth of skins, in partnership with William Howard of Fleet Street, if he could have bought a bargain. Writes to his wife and she to him under the initials W. M., not signing at large for fear of arrests. Was never enlisted against the late or present King.* [1¼ *pages.*]
*Chester Castle, July* 6, 1666.

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July 7. Minutes of commissions for six companies of foot added to the Admiral's regiment; [*Ent. Book* 20, *pp.* 119, 141]:—

Silius Titus, Captain; —— Moyle, Lieutenant; and Fras. Vincent, Ensign. July 2.

—— Cartwright, Captain; Willm. Morice, Lieutenant; and Edw. Harris, Ensign. July 3.

Sir Edw. Carleton, Captain; John Wise, Lieutenant; and Rich. Sheldon, Ensign. July 4.

—— Molroyon, Captain; John Wise, Lieutenant; and Willm. Heydon, Ensign. July 5.

Hercules Loe, Captain; —— Wrey, Lieutenant; and —— Webb, Ensign. July 6.

—— Bromley, Captain, and John Grove, Lieutenant. July 7.

[July 7.] 149. List of the officers in four companies of foot added to the Holland regiment as given July 5, with the addition of Wm. Miles as lieutenant to Capt. Morgan; also in the six companies added to the Admiral's regiment as above, and in three companies for Scilly as given July 3, adding Mich. Blund as lieutenant to Capt. Arundel. [2 *pages.*]

July 7. 150. Blank commission for a quartermaster for Hen. Jermin.

July 7. The Matthias, Buoy of the Nore. 151. Capt. Hen. Millett to Thos. Hayter. Wants 100 blank tickets, having discharged many men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 7. The Henry, Buoy of the Nore. 152. Sir Robt. Holmes to Sir Wm. Batten. Desires that the Isabella ketch may be victualled for two months from the Victualling Office; it is inconvenient to do it out of the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 7. 153. Power of attorney, by John Frizell, of Stepney, mariner and sailmaker, appointing his faithful wife, Mary, to receive and recover all moneys due to him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 7. 154. Account of naval stores sent from Harwich to Chatham, July 5; with note by Comr. John Taylor, July 7, of the completion of the demand; also that they have neither a pound of twine nor a spruce deal left in the stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Jnly 8. Portsmouth Dockyard. 1. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Shall be glad to make an exchange of timber with the garrison, which has beams, &c., suitable for the new ship, and it is a pity to cut such pieces into palisades. Never saw so much gallant compass timber as now lies

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in the yard; should it please God to continue health among the labourers, by Michaelmas there will be sufficient to build a second, fourth, and fifth-rate ship, and more is daily coming in. The brazier's servants hired by the day, receive 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, with washing and lodging, but he does not give nearly so much to those hired by the year. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ *pages.*]

July $\frac{8}{18}$. Nieuport. 2. Thos. Bowyer to Williamson. The danger of a passage to Dover detains many Englishmen on that side the water; keeps safe the scarfs committed to him by Mr. Kent for Williamson; asks leave to bring them over in a frigate which is to be sent for Sir Wm. Swan, and also the seamen, now grown to 100 in Nieuport, as soon as a ship can be spared.

July 8. Hull. 3. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. Sir Robt. Leach, M. Sylvius, who says he is the Queen's servant, and eight others have landed in Holderness on the King's business, coming in a Scotch ship from Nieuport, where they left Sir Wm. Swan. They saw eight or ten ships at anchor off Yarmouth; some say they are Dutch men-of-war, others colliers. The Speedwell has sailed with soldiers and seamen for the fleet.

July 8. 4. John Clarke to Williamson. The Victory is waiting for the Orange, which is to cruise with her in the Soundings. The Earl of Bath is at Exeter, but is coming to Plymouth to settle affairs in the west. Those parts are free from contagion.

July 8. Plymouth. 5. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

July 8. The Lily, Margate Road. 6. Thos. Langley to Lord Arlington. Will be happy to give his lordship all tidings possible, if he may have leave from the generals. Is going to the fleet; five or six Holland scouts have been in sight, also the Sorlings and Nightingale, with men for the fleet.

July 8. Portsmouth. 7. And. Newport to Williamson. The works advance, but the sickness deters, and the harvest calls away labourers, so that there are few hands at work but the soldiers; 2,000*l.* was received from Somersetshire for the fortifications, and 1,000*l* is spent; more should be provided, for the contract with Sir Wm. Berkeley and Sir Bernard De Gomme came to above 4,000*l.* The sickness increases, and 22 died of it last week. [1½ *pages.*]

July 8. Falmouth. 8. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Particulars of four prizes taken in 14 days by the Swallow privateer; they report that the French are in great fear lest the English should land, and that when they saw them near the shore, they flocked to the water side with their guns, and fired the beacons. The Three Kings, a great vessel, has come in from Ostend, but gives no account of the Dutch fleet.

July 8. Berwick. 9. M. Scott to Williamson. Capt Atchinson has brought a French salt prize into Leith; his frigate has seven men killed and

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wounded by a French merchantman of 15 guns and 200 men, who concealed men and guns till the frigate was close upon her. The Scotch fleet from London with their convoy have passed Berwick.

July 8. York. 10. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. Sixty colliers have come into Newcastle, and will leave on Monday with 220 laden ships; they put 200 land soldiers on board the two frigates that convoy them. The Duke of Buckingham has issued warrants to the chief constables, to watch the beacons, and on their firing, every man between 16 and 60 is to appear at the rendezvous for the hundred, with his best arms, to be directed by the deputy lieutenants. Another warrant is preparing for raising money. Field pieces are much wanted in case of invasion. *Encloses,*

10. I. *Warrant to the Chief Constables of the West Riding of Yorkshire to issue warrants to the petty constables to raise voluntary contributions in the proportion of 2,000l. on the whole, to furnish a magazine to defend the lives, estates, and families of the people against an invasion intended by the Dutch and French; to guard against this, the King has sent the lord lieutenants into the several counties to put the forces into order, which are useless without a settled magazine for arms and ammunition. The money is to be paid in four days at York, to Sir Hen. Thomson, appointed treasurer.* [*Copy.*]

July 8. 11. Edw. Colman to Williamson. Has been unable to send certain papers sooner, having been extremely ill.

July 8. Dover. 12. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. According to orders, the custom house boat will soon be fitted out with ten stout men; will get protection for them against the press from the governor of the castle. Sends his account and wants his salary. The coasts of France are lined with soldiers; at Nieuport are 80 English seamen from the Essex, who got out of Holland, but dare not venture over without a convoy, because five Dutch men-of-war lie about the Foreland.

July 9. Bristol. 13. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. The French fleet is still about Lisbon, and has landed 8,000 or 10,000 men to assist the Portuguese against the Spaniards. The Virginia fleet still waits a convoy at Kinsale. The merchants look very blank, on news of six Barbadoes' ships taken. None have died of the sickness this week.

July 9. Monday noon, Royal Charles. 14. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Finding by Sir Jeremy Smith, who has arrived, that much is still to be done on the London, it is proposed to sail on Saturday next, without waiting for the ships of force in the river. Thinks it will be the Saturday following, which will be a spring tide, as the generals are not inclined to hurry away whilst there are any hopes of good seamen to be sent; supplies come daily, but complaints increase, some without cause, but others with too much reason. Sir Thos. Allin declares seriously that his squadron wants 1,000 able seamen; his Rear-Admiral Utber's absence

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at Harwich is a great prejudice to him, for a chief officer being wanting, little help is given to the captains; the best men are picked away, and the refuse are pitiful fellows; many have no shirts and scarce rags to cover them, and fall sick in three or four days; some come sick, not without suspicion of the plague. Tries to lessen the King's charge by having such men discharged rather than sent to the hospitals. The Sorlings and Nightingale have brought in 300 able men from Plymouth. The fleet is now 90 men-of-war and 11 fire-ships. Col. Legg may show him a list of the fleet, but the orders are for none to be given out. The Lord General is much troubled that Lord Townsend is not in the list of those who are to command standing troops. He says the Kent militia might have been spared the rendezvous which they are ordered to attend, and also to bring a month's pay with them, to be repaid by the King before they bring another month's pay. Sir Frns. Clarke has brought in 120 men from Rochester, but few seamen among them; he says they are the last that the deputy lieutenants in his parts press; if the press cease in other places, there is no reason why the fleet should stay longer, as there is so little hope of the ships in the river. With postscript, 8 p.m., that the Dutch are still off the Longsands, and their scouts in the Gunfleet; that the Loyal Merchant has come in from the river, and that Sir Rob. Holmes has gone up the river to bring down the other ships if possible. [3 *pages*.]

July 9. Royal Charles. 15. Prince Rupert to [Lord Arlington]. Sends a letter as desired to his sister the Duchess of Brunswick; is sure she will be pleased with anything that may bring a correspondence between her and the English Court. Hopes to be ready to set forward on Monday.

July 9. [Norwich.] 16. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. People post out of town because the plague has broken out in two houses in the market-place; has seen at least 10 carts of household stuff, &c., laden away; a great increase is feared this week.

July 9. Hull. 17. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Thinks Capt. Lightfoot has put to sea. Sir Edw. Leech and others have arrived, being put to shore near the Humber mouth. A pickeroon has taken a small coal vessel from the Humber, and plundered a boat.

July 9. Lynn. 18. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Since the impress 14 days ago, 70 able seamen have been found by assistance of shipmasters, and will be sent to the fleet. The place is in health, and watch is kept to prevent people from Cambridge, Norwich, and Peterborough, where the sickness is, from coming in. Wants a small sixth-rate frigate to cruise in the bay, and keep off a Dutch privateer that infests the coasts, and has taken a yacht of the town, which was quitted by her men, after a two hours' fight.

July 9. Dover. 19. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Lord Arlington. Finds from Edmund Custis, of Bruges, that too certain intelligence of affairs at home

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reaches the other side; has sent no persons over in his boats for two months, except prisoners cleared by order in exchange, but Mr. Carlisle sometimes sends over passengers with his lordship's certificates, in Nieuport shallops sent with expresses; spies are chiefly supposed to pass about Hyde and Rumney; some express order, under special penalty, should be given for no one to pass either way, unless their certificates are examined by the governor. Complains that his vessel from Nieuport with the mail was boarded by a French shallop, the mail broken open, and one of the seamen stripped to his shirt. Wishes Conte Charost to be written to about this abuse, as most of the men were Calais men. The vessel had the French king's protection. Unless something can be done, seamen will decline the service.

July 9. Dover. 20. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Has persuaded the men to go out in the boat for once, though they have not their protections yet; begs these from Lord Arlington for 11 seamen named, as the governor vows he cannot give protections, having an order to the contrary. Has been with Lord Middleton at the castle. A boat from Quinborough reports the Dutch fleet to lie at the buoy in the Gunfleet, drinking healths, vapouring, and firing guns. Col. Titus says they die most sadly at Deal. Scarce any house is clear from infection.

July 9. Truro. 21. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Capt. Manning, a privateer, has taken three prizes, laden with linen, salt, and iron; one he took at anchor in Concquett Road, and gave the enemy such an alarm that they fired their beacons, and drew their forces to the seaside; Capt. Hall has taken a salt prize. Beaufort's fleet is said to be about Lisbon.

July 9. Swansea. 22. Jo. Man to Williamson. The Governor of Jersey sends vessels over for coal; the island is in a gallant posture of defence, and will be daily improved by the indefatigable industry of the governor. He and other gentlemen have set out two or three privateers which have taken 11 French prizes.

July 9. Bridlington. 23. Jo. Bower to James Hickes. At Sister churches, 20 miles southward, 10 men were landed from a French sloop on the 7th, well dressed and armed, and with heavy portmanteaus; they would give no account of themselves, and were therefore secured and sent to Hull. Hears nothing of raising forces, and the country being very open, the inhabitants are fearful. Frigates are riding at Tynemouth and Scarborough to take in soldiers.

July 9. Weymouth. 24. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Nonsuch has carried into Cowes a Lubecker of 300 tons, laden with wines, supposed to be a prize, and the Eagle ketch two other prizes. The Guinea fleet of 13 sail has gone for Plymouth. Capture and sinking of the French St. Malo vessel by the Norwich [Orange ?] frigate; it had tons of silver and gold on board; 500 militia are expected, and two regiments are to be quartered on the coasts.

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July 9. Langnard Point Fort. 25. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The Rupert and a frigate are still in harbour, also a great old ship that is to be made a fair ship of. A smack full of pressed men has gone for the buoy in the Nore. The English fleet is hourly expected at the Gunfleet.

July 9. Royal Charles. 26. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. Refers him for news to his letter to Lord Arlington, and also to Col. Legg. Will speak to the generals to settle places of address for his letters.

July 9. Chester. 27. Tho. Baker to Williamson. The trained bands there and in North Wales are called out, but want ammunition. Lord Carbery has appointed a rendezvous at Llewenny Green, near Denbigh, where Col. Robinson will be with his foot, and John Salisbury with his horse; thence his lordship will go to Flint, to meet Sir Roger Mostyn's foot and Sir John Hamer's horse; thence to Carnarvonshire to Sir Rich. Wynne's, and thence to Anglesea to Lord Bulkeley's. It concerns all to bestir themselves, for the fanatics, who will never be good, prick up their ears.

July 9. Llyssin. 28. Lord Herbert of Cherbury to Williamson. Sends a letter from the deputy lieutenants of Montgomeryshire, of whom he is one, about their provisions in case of an engagement; also one from himself, offering services if the King raise any new forces. Has written plainly to Lord Arlington, as thinking it fitting in persons of condition and quality; begs a speedy reply sent to Llyssin, where Lord Carbery will be in a few days.

July 9. Maidenhead. 29. Sir Tobias Bridges to Williamson. Wants the commissions of Mr. Carlston, who will pay the requisite, and of Thos. Wingfield, who is to be the writer's quartermaster. With a note from Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox, requesting that the Gazette and news may be sent him weekly, and he will pay for them.

July 9. 30. Information of Rob. Meggs, of Clement's Inn. Was told by Reeves, a shoemaker in Hart Street, Covent Garden, that he had received letters from Ireland, one of which he was desired to send to the secretary at Brussels; it said that the gentry in Ireland were discontented with the court of claims there.

July 9. Warrant [from Lord Arlington] to Sir John Robinson, to permit Mrs. Wallop to remain prisoner with her husband, and one maid servant to attend her. Minute. [*Ent Book* 23, *p.* 105.]

July 9. Buoy of the Nore. 31 Capt Boteler Barnes to the Navy Comrs. Belongs to Sir Jos. Jordan's division, and was ordered to press seamen; represented to Mr. Pepys that three of the pressed men from the Loyal Subject were carried off; requests orders for the tickets and clothes of those still left on board; no ship in the fleet is so distressed for want of men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July ? 32. Navy Comrs. to Phineas Pett. Are satisfied with his proceedings in surveying and contracting for masts in Scotland, and now require him to return thither, to finish the work, having pro-

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vided present money and payment for contractors in Scotland; he is to fulfil previous contracts, hasten the masts to the place of shipping, perfect the treaty with Lord Seaforth for 200 loads of timber, but buy no other goods without directions. [*Minute draft, by Pepys. Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

32. I. *Request by Phineas Pett to Sam. Pepys, for instructions relative to his journey to Scotland, to which the above is a reply.*

Jnly 9. Yarmouth. 33. Thos. Dunn to Sam Pepys. Is informed that Phin. Pett is in health and has been seen in the town, but arrived too late for passage in the ships, and intended to go to Scotland; a Swedish vessel and an Ostender have passed the roads; they were both on board De Ruyter, but vary in their reports; the enemy lies between Harwich and the Ness, and the north coast has been troubled with Dutch and French capers. Particulars of other ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 9. Ordnance Office. 34. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. The Companion and Samuel and Ann, being employed for the transportation of ammunition to Barbadoes, are to have an order to wear jacks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 9. Sherwood. 35. John Russell, purveyor, to the Navy Comrs. Wants material for repairs of the Adam and Eve, and money for defraying the charge; a quantity of timber and plank lies at the wharf, requiring six or seven hoys to carry it away. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 10. Durance. 36. Sir Hen. Wroth to Sir Wm. Coventry. Is glad of the permission to send pressed men to the Tower; it prevents great charge and trouble for that part of the country, in getting boats to send them on board the ships; has pressed 90, "all good bodies of men, neither an old man nor a boy amongst them;" should have doubled the number, but some rogues alarmed the country by giving themselves out to be press masters; discharged 70 who were unfit for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 10. 37. Sir Wm. Warren to the Navy Comrs Hears that Capt. Taylor has taken up the Pelican as a fire-ship; has quarter-part interest in her; is content that she should go to sea in the present expedition, on condition of her restoration on return, or her full value if burnt. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 10. Wapping. 38. Wm. Wood to the Navy Comrs. Begs payment of his bill of 500*l.* for masts and freight of ships; has freely parted with his goods, and not demanded money till compelled by urgent occasions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 10. 39. Certificate by —— Robinson of his having examined the differences in the cause of Serjeant J. Hyde, attorney, v. John Rose, according to an order of 15th June; finds that though the plaintiff had sent out writs against several persons, and had them arrested for the defendant, the latter denies the same by oath, and refusing to

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pay the sums due to the plaintiff as his lawyer, brought an indictment of barretry against him, on which he was convicted, being unprepared to reply, but offered 1,000*l.* to be put on a new trial.

July 10. 40. Petition of Stephano de Campis, of Venice, to the King, for a pass for the ship Constantino Imperatore e Santa Helena, from London to Ostend and thence to Italy, the said ship having been before taken by one of His Majesty's frigates, but cleared in the Court of Admiralty.

July 10. Plymouth. 41. John Clarke to James Hickes. The 13 Guinea ships are at Torbay, and will call at Plymouth for ships bound for Portugal, Barbadoes, &c.

July 10. 42. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 10. Plymouth. 43. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. An Ostender reports that many Dutch ships have gone home from Bourdeaux, laden with wines, and many more will go in a few days. The French fleet is said to be gone from Rochelle, to join the Dutch, and Beaufort is daily expected.

July 10. Custom House, Barnstaple. 44. P. Manaton to James Hickes. Thanks for letters; has no news worth notice.

July 10. Boston. 45. Robert Grey to James Hickes. A privateer has taken two ships of the town, and fired a third; a vessel with 50 men was sent to seek her, but she was gone. A man-of-war is much wanted; privateers appear daily on the coasts, so that they dare not stir. With note [by Hickes to Williamson] that this honest man is the correspondent whom he has engaged in Boston.

July 10. 46. Fras. Manley to Williamson. Requests favour in the passing of a warrant for Mr. Matthews, who is a friend of Mr. Newport, but the latter is unfortunately out of town.

July 10. Dover. 47. J. Carlisle to Williamson. Urges a protection for the seamen for the boat; it is ten to one if they be not impressed. Capt. Lusey, commander of a Dover privateer, has brought in a Danish ship, laden with iron and brandy, but having a pass from Sweden, it is doubtful whether it will prove a prize. The Dutch fleet is said to have gone nearer home.

July 10. Margate. 48. Joh. Smith to Williamson. There has been a general muster of horse and foot, Lord Middleton, the general, being present. Is desired to direct his letters to John Cook, secretary to Sir Wm. Morice, and will do so unless countermanded by Williamson.

July 10. Edinburgh. 49. Rob. Meine to Williamson. The appearance of 20 sail in Leith harbour made it supposed that the Scottish fleet was returning, but it was merchant ships returning under convoy from London, with a great ship to carry back some masts from the north of Scot-

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land, bought by Phineas Pett, but which are reported to have been burned in a wood twelve miles long by three broad, which was burnt down. There are not more than 2,000 stand of arms in Scotland, so that though the people are forward to arm, they are unable.

July 10. Newcastle. 50. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The fleet for London still rides in or near the harbour; they are 300 sail, there and at Sunderland. The press goes on lamely, for the seamen and labouring men from the coal works go into the country, and hide themselves in woods and remote places, great numbers together, to the dishonour of the whole country that they suffer it; hopes this will be redressed at the coming of the Earl of Carlisle, who is much honoured and loved amongst all people in those parts. Some masters were pressed yesterday, on purpose to bring out their men.

July 10. Southwold. 51. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. Particulars of Dutch vessels seen off the coast; on Friday there were 11 sail, and Col. Sir John Rous, who had discharged his own company and Sir John Pettus's, which lay at Southwold, sent some soldiers to join those of the town, and kept guard that night; the next day he ordered Capt. Playter's company to quarter in the town, and it remains there. Flashes of fire have been seen a league to the south, and six vessels full of men. Southwold being an island environed with salt water, might be made the strongest in those parts; it has nine good guns, but only four fixed, and not ammunition for two hours' skirmish; the town is poor and cannot do what it would, and the country does not help, though they say it would be their destruction if the town were held by an enemy; it is the nearest town in England to Holland, and the best bay.

July 10. Harwich. 52. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A Dutch hoy has set ashore 20 men and boys from Holland, and they say there are 100 more coming, who were taken in the last engagement. They complain of hard usage, and extravagant insults. A gentleman from Nieuport writes, June 20, July 10, the English must own their loss extraordinary, and not believe that the Hollanders will come to sea no more, for they are out with 86 men-of-war, 12 fire-ships, and 15 ammunition galliots, and 42 sail more are preparing; that the coast of France is provided with ammunition and men in case the fight happen near there; that the Hollanders' rejoicings were infamous; they painted Sir George Ayscough over with a long tail and train, and set fire to it and blew him up; spat and flung dirt at the seamen, and confirm their brags by coming to sea so soon. The writer of this letter is very zealous for the English interest, and has employed all the religious to pray for them; wishes a vizard put on this news, if used, that the writer may not recognise it in the Gazette. Position of the Dutch fleet: looks sharp after the English fleet, but it has not yet appeared. De Ruyter dated the pass which he gave the Frenchman who brought over the Scotch regiment, "from the river Thames." The writer hears that he has been severely reflected on for his letter on the last engagement. [2 *pages.*]

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July 10. Walmer. 53. John Lindsey to [Williamson]. Two Dutch men-of-war came into Margate bay, but did no harm. A small merchant ship bound for Ireland was boarded, but let pass, the crew being Spaniards. The sickness increases at Deal.

July 10. Harwich. 54. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. The Dutch fleet seems retiring to their own coasts, being sensible that the English fleet will soon give them a visit.

July 10. Haigh. 55. Sir Roger Bradshaigh to Williamson. They have put the militia in order, on the King's command, and their own apprehensions of an invasion; the country shows great forwardness to be as ready as the forces. All the gentry are to meet at Preston to understand one another; many commissions for volunteers will be accepted, and officers will have their particular posts assigned, in case of the firing of the beacons. A French and a Dutch man-of-war are on those coasts.

July 10. Billing. 56. Lord O'Brien to [Williamson]. Went to Ireland to settle the small estate which his father was with difficulty drawn to confer on him, but was told in a week that the troop in which he had a commission was to be set up; therefore, having engaged himself to the Earl of Northampton, though offered the command of a troop by the Lord Lieutenant [of Ireland], left his business undone, returned home, and finds to his astonishment that on the reducing of his lordship's regiment to three troops, he [the writer] is absolutely cast off. In his absence, his wife, on Lord Northampton's summons, called together the men he had engaged from all parts, and the troop would have been ready in three days. Is not only left deluded himself, after all his charge in procuring men, horses, &c., but is accountable to those who had strained themselves to be ready to follow him. Is sure the King will not suffer so great an intrenching on his honour in the face of his country. Begs advice will come up for directions, as soon as he can ride. [2 *pages.*]

July 10. Portsmouth. 57. Robt. Mills to Williamson. Attack on the French East India prize by the Orange; they could not take it, but were forced to sink it; it is reported worth 1,500,000*l.*

July 10. 58. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. To the same effect.

July 10. 59. Sir Thos. Clarges to Williamson. Asks whether the Earl of Peterborough's troop is to be mustered at Wellingborough or Northampton on the 12th. The Earl of Northampton's troop mustered on the 6th complete.

July 10. [Suffolk.] 60. W. Battie (?) to Edw. Colman, Furnival's Inn, London. The Dutch fleet seemed to be making for their own coast but has returned; a squadron of 17 is in the Gunfleet; there is great longing for the English fleet to come down. The Rupert, Rear-admiral of the White, waits for it at Harwich. A Dutch hoy has landed 105 English prisoners taken in the last engagement, but chiefly

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old men and boys. The hoy was ordered for the Thames, and pretends to have landed there from fear, mistaking the Dutch fleet for the English, but thinks it was to land in some safe corner a Mr. Hill, brought over to do the Dutch intelligence from England; he was a fellow of Magdalen College, Cambridge, was turned out for non-subscription in 1662, has since been in Holland, and is to marry a merchant's daughter with 2,500*l*. The Earl of Suffolk and deputy lieutenants have been at the coast to see the Dutch fleet; has promised to send them word of its motions and to look after seamen, the constables being tardy in their office. Told Mr. Hill that he had come for no good out of Holland, took all his papers in charge, and sent him and them to the lord lieutenant Thinks him as dangerous a person as could have been sent, and had he slipped away from the landing place, he could easily have been entertained among the Nonconformists; the Mackerel hoy in which he came should be narrowly searched for papers; he has goods on board her; 20 horses are drawn out of every troop there to go to the Isle of Wight. Wants London news. Asks if Massey is to be general of the auxiliaries. The sickness has broken out at Woodbridge. The prisoners say the whole strength of Holland is out, and no reserves left behind. [2 *pages.*]

*Enclosures,*

60. I. *N. Arnold to Rev. Joseph Hill, M.A., B.D. In addition to the charge he has given him about the purchase of books, begs him to procure if possible the liberation of Peter Oxerne, of Franeker, a minister, who is detained in Chelsea College; this would oblige the whole church of Friezland; if this fail, other ways must be tried, as he is detained against the law of nations. Asks him to speak to Sopingius, who says he does not possess certain manuscripts.* [*Latin.*]

*Franeker, May* 31, 1665.

60. II. *C. T. to Jos. Hill, Leyden. Understands the Dutch bravadoes; they have some ships and men to show as a pretence of victory, though there is more pretence to make them out to be beaten. The English lost* 11 *or* 12 *ships, and others damaged in the rigging. The loss of Sir Chris. Myngs is great. The report of Sir Wm. Berkeley's courage is very acceptable, his father and friends being extremely troubled with a report of his cowardice. Asks further news of his deportment. Private affairs.*

*London, June* 15, 1666.

60. III. *N. Arnold to Rev. Joseph Hill, Leyden. Hopes that victory may open a way to peace; there are there* 500 *captives. Has lent English books to one of them, who is a reader. One, a captain, has died of his wounds, and been honourably buried. Particulars relative to the MSS. of the elder Sopingius. Harenxma, a great bookworm in Friezland, wishes to purchase them.*

*Franeker, June* 10, 1666

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60. IV. *Thos. Mayden to Rev. Jos. Hill, Leyden. The French have surprised the English at St. Christopher's, and put them all to the sword. The English do not confess so great a loss as reported last engagement. The Holland fleet is out 70 strong. Dr. Sladius sends him a work, "De nutritione fœtus." Mr. Price's family are going to England in a vessel that has a French pass, takes over 120 English prisoners, and will bring back Dutch prisoners. Private affairs. Amsterdam,* $\frac{\text{June 28}}{\text{July 8}}$, 1666

60. V *Notes from two books.*

60. VI. *Request from Ri. Mayden to his brother to introduce Mr. Hill to sister and cousins Hovener, to whom he will soon be more nearly allied.*

60. VII. *Ri. Mayden to Peter Herringhooke, merchant of London. Recommends Joseph Hill, who wishes to marry the writer's daughter Elizabeth, and has come over to settle his estate in England. Hopes God will turn the resolutions of war into counsels of peace. Amsterdam, July* $\frac{3}{13}$, 1666.

60. VIII. *M. N. to Mr. Alefounder, at Dedham. Requests him to favour his friend and brother, Mr. Hill, who may land at Harwich, and has lived two years with him, with a night's lodging, and sale of a horse to take him to London, and to give him information what places to lodge in to avoid infection.*

July 10. The Seven Provinces, before the Foreland.

61. S. Raven to Rob. Washington. Requests him to convey the enclosed; it is necessary that friends should unite, for a weak party endeavour other things. Also,

S. Raven to Col. Elatson. Is detained by contrary winds; the old party are playing their old tricks to divide them; hopes the friends will not be wanting to themselves; much is done to prepare things, and much won on the Admiral. Also,

S. Raven to [his wife]. Being detained by contrary winds, fears they will not arrive where they would be till Monday. [*Copies, 1½ pages.*]

July 10. Commissions for John Edrington to be Cornet, and Henry Browne Quartermaster to Sir Simon Fanshaw. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 124.]

July 10. Commission for Adrian Scropo to be Quartermaster to Sir Adrian Scrope's troop, in the Earl of Cleveland's regiment. [*Ent. Book* 20. *p.* 143.]

July 10. Commission for Henry Browne to be Quartermaster to Sir Simon Fanshaw. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 131 *a.*]

July 10. Commissions for Capt. Rich. Taylor to be Lieutenant, and Wm. Batts to be Quartermaster to Sir W. Haywood. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 131*a.*]

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July 10. Commissions for Thos. Lord Culpeper to raise and arm a company of foot for service in the Isle of Wight, and to S. Barrett to be Lieutenant thereof. Minute. [*Ent Book* 20, *p.* 139.]

July 10. Commission for —— Ball to be Ensign to Col. Sydney's own company. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 140.]

July 10. Pass for the ship St. Anthony of Padua, laden with currants at Zante for John and Antonio Benzoni, to go to Ostend and return. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 213.]

July 10. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to discharge the ship Lucretia, belonging to the subjects of the King of Spain, notwithstanding its containing wool consigned for Amsterdam, and their wish for more positive proof of the property of the claimants. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 215.]

July 10. Pass for Cuthbert Horsley, Dominick Sheldon, &c., to Flanders. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 216.]

July 10. Warrant to pay to the Cofferer of the Household 3*s.* 4*d.* daily, to be by him paid to Jeremy Gohory, groom of the Queen Consort, in lieu of board wages, from 13th June 1663. [*Docquet.*]

July 10. The King to the Governor of Guernsey. He is to cause Jean François de Briselone, Sieur de Vancourt, commander of the island of Chouzey on the coast of Normandy, and the master of the ship seized with him, to be hanged as spies, for engaging in a treacherous design to effect the escape of John Lambert, prisoner there, and to foment a rebellion in the kingdom. He is henceforth to keep Lambert close prisoner, as he will answer at his utmost peril; and in case of invasion ——. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 194; *a clause omitted.*]

July 10. 62. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. His Royal Highness wants commissions for Grove to be lieutenant, and Piercy Kirk ensign of Capt. Bromley's company.

July 10. 63. C. Sanderson to Williamson. A person told [the intelligencer] that he heard from Holland that they only lost 600 men and four ships; but the English 8,000 prisoners, besides slain and wounded, and 28 ships. They (the malcontents), say that God Almighty, the Dutch, the French, and the Dane, are working for their deliverance. Has laid snares further to entoil the person. Another says there is an attempt to bring in popery; that the English cannot defend themselves in the Thames; that there will be strange news ere long, and the work will shortly be done. Has sent [the intelligencer] about amongst them to propound how they must do for horses and arms, so as to see if they have any ready; when the persons are to be secured, the list which he sent should be given to the Bishop [of Durham] with [the intelligencer's] name amongst them. Thinks it more politic to let them alone, unless they make some preparation. Wishes 20*l.* sent to his son Philip.

July 11. West Cowes. 64. John Lysle to Williamson. Particulars of three French prizes brought in by the Paradox. The Diana of Wismar was

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taken by the Hawk. Her master says that 15 days ago, 20 French ships of war sailed from St. Martin's with the Queen of Portugal, and that a general embargo has been laid on salt. There is a great rumour that the French are preparing to invade the Isle of Wight; the inhabitants are much dejected, because not supplied, and in a posture of defence. Some have shipped their goods, to send them away if need be. Is sorry that any foreigners coming in should take cognizance of their fears. [2 *pages.*]

July 11. Lyme. 65. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. The health of the place is good, and the watch well maintained. Wants a commission for a privateer from that place.

July 11. Norwich. 66. Robt. Scrivener to [Williamson]. The city looks sadly; most of the chief shopkeepers in the market are gone, and the shops shut up. Thinks in ten days a fourth of the city will be gone The poor murmur much, and say they will live in better houses than now they do. Hopes they will be prevented.

July 11. Norwich. 67. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. His letters need not be feared, there being no infected houses in his parish. Their condition is very sad; many of the aldermen have left, so that without some commands to require their stay, the government cannot be kept up. Asks whether they might petition for the King's letters to the Bishop of London for a collection, as in three or four weeks there will be thousands of people turned out of work, and the country will not give them entertainment in harvest, for fear of danger.

July 11. Hull. 68. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Has no news. Asks how Mr. Gibson and Mr. Marson's accounts agree.

July 11. Frodsham. 69. Joseph White to James Hickes. Thanks for his correspondence. Sends an important letter for delivery.

July 11. Weymouth. 70. John Pocock to James Hickes. The French East India prize, taken by the Orange, was called "La Vierge de bon Port," 300 tons, and 20 guns; the cargo was esteemed worth 50,000*l.*; she was lost through neglect and love of plunder.

July 11. Naworth. 71. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. While the war continues, the packet must come to Carlisle by Newcastle, or he will lose his correspondence with Scotland or the neighbouring counties on the East sea, where the danger is. Altered the post which used to come that way, for convenience of his neighbours of Westmoreland, but now the public good requires it to be settled by Newcastle.

July 11. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 72. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. The fleet increases daily; 17 fire-ships are squadroned, and more are fitting; they hope soon to be abroad, and as able as they are willing for an encounter. Two nimble sailers have been sent to make discovery of the enemy. Seamen come in daily, so that they will soon be manned above their former complements, which is necessary when the enemy has so many soldiers on board.

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July 11. Wednesday noon, Royal Charles.

73. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Two vessels have brought in from Harwich 96 seamen, who were prisoners in Holland, taken the last engagement, and returned on exchange, but they were all taken out of hospitals, and are weak, old, or children, 20 being under 12 years of age; hopes that able seamen will not be released in exchange. The Dutch offered all their prisoners 40 guilders a man and great advance of wages if they would serve them, and when they would not, threatened to throw them overboard, used them very hardly, and put them into irons; many did enter the service, especially Scotchmen. A Swedish man-of-war passing for Gottenburg, with two merchant ships, the generals sent for the captain on board, and finding he had no pass from the King or Duke, would not let him go on, as he must have gone through the Dutch fleet, and they would have learned all our condition from him; he pleaded having only 12 days' provisions, but being a man of experience, knew that such stops were usual, and was content to go back to Gravesend to victual. The river ships are much wanted. Men come in daily; 55 have arrived from the Isle of Thanet, and as many more are expected thence to-morrow. Sir Edw. Brett and the militia colonel are very industrious about it. Everybody grows daily confident of a victory, which is no small matter towards it, and if it be a thorough one, thinks it will not be hard to take the Dutch quite from the French, considering how they are left alone by them, contrary to their promises. The scouts have still the top-gallant sails flying, which is the sign of seeing the enemy. The fisher boat says that the pleasure boats are ordered to be ready, which is a sign as if the King intended to see his fleet before it went out. His lordship's page is on board with them, preferring to stay, though Sir Edw. Spragg offered him the best accommodation in his ship. [4 *pages.*]

July 11. Falmouth.

74. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Lord Arundel came to the castle yesterday, and he and Sir Peter Killigrew are gone to Truro, and thence to Bodmin, to meet the Earl of Bath and settle the county militia, three companies of which, it is reported, are to go for Scilly. Capt. Pendarvis' company is staying at Pendennis Castle.

July 11. Falmouth.

75. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and as his letter to Hickes of July 8.

July 11. Aldborough. 6 P.M.

76. Rich. Browne to Williamson. There are three Dutch men-of war and a French sloop off the coast; five leagues south-east are 80 Dutch vessels; they gather closer than before, which gives hope that the English fleet is ready. The town might easily be plundered and fired, for there are only 35 ill-disciplined men of the trained band, and 20 guns, but not men enough to manage them; four runaway seamen were by great care pressed and sent on board the Revenge, but they have all run away again; 40 able seamen lie hid in houses in the town, and Sam. Groome, the bailiff, keeps one who was pressed. Unless strict course be taken, few will stay.

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July 11. Maidenhead. 77 Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox to Williamson. Thanks for his letter and paper. Proffers of service.

July 11. Lists of Dutch prisoners released from several places, and passports given them, all without fees, viz. 12 on May 15; 16 on May 16; 1, May 23; 1, May 30; 17, June 2; 7, July 6; 10, July 11:—most of them being delivered to Mr. Heinsius. [*Ent. Book* 14, *pp.* 271–276.]

July 11. Warrant to Sir Edward Griffin to pay to George Tomlins 4*l.*, for embellishing and writing four skins of vellum with the King's arms, ornaments, pictures, &c., sent to the Emperor of Morocco, and other foreign princes. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 37.]

July 11 Pendennis. 78. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Lord Arundel, the governor, has been to the castle, according to the King's commands, and has ordered provision for the garrison. He has gone to Truro, to meet the deputy lieutenants and justices. The country is in a good posture of defence, and they profess themselves ready to serve, which both horse and foot proved in a false alarm.

July 11. Bristol. 79. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Has shipped 21 masts on board the Friezland, and supplied one to the St. Patrick, which is forced to wait the arrival of the Virginia and West Indian ships, to supply her with men; promises a speedy account of the 500*l.* already paid; must soon draw a still larger sum. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 12. Portsmouth Dockyard. 80. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Will speak with Sir Philip Honeywood about the timber; regrets the great want of anchors, as there will be much difficulty in procuring a supply. Tymbrell, the yard smith, having lost a child of the plague, has discharged several men. Will go or send to Southampton to see what can be done there, and will furnish 30 good anchors from the stores if required. [*Adm. Paper*, 1¼ *pages.*]

July 12. 81. Thos. Lewis to the Navy Comrs. The undermentioned seven hoys laden with beer have been sent back from the fleet; has disposed of some to ships now in the river; asks what is to be done with the remainder, which has lain a month ready for delivery, as by the extreme heat of the sun, it is "becoming hard and somewhat eager." Wants orders about any other provisions ordered back from the fleet for want of stowage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 12. Plymouth. 82. John Clarke to James Hickes. There have three London vessels arrived from Malaga. They left Tangiers 29 days ago. No news of De Beaufort at Lisbon since. A French man-of-war came up with those off Scilly, but dared not meddle with them.

July ? 83. Petition of John Joplin to Lord Arlington, for an order to Sir Jordan Crosland, governor of Scarborough Castle, to release him on bail, after so many years' causeless imprisonment. Is unable longer to undergo the charges of residing there in town.

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July 12. Scarborough. 84. Sir Jordan Crosland to Williamson. All are busy in putting themselves in the best posture. Raised the full number of seamen, and Capt. Peach has taken them away. Wants the order for John Joplin's release; he is as fit a man as any in England for Lord Arlington's use. Is victualling the garrison for two months.

July 12. 85. Thos. Chapell to James Fitton, Chester. The godly need much patience, lest they faint in these days of trouble, with greater troubles yet in prospect. Religious advice. The King of the Jews, who was reported to be destroyed, is still living; the Grand Seignior having to go to Adrianople, to prepare against the Tartars, has sent him to a castle at Gallipoli, and allows him 50 aspers a day, the same as he does to his chiefest commanders. This removal is to avoid any tumults, Constantinople being full of strangers from all parts, who flocked to see and speak with him. He has assured the Jews that the redemption of Israel is at hand, as will be proclaimed to the world by great miracles, when the prophet Nathan arrives. At Constantinople, he was in a palace of the Grand Seignior, with rabbis and teachers, the books of the law, and the free exercise of ceremonies, and Jews might freely visit him. He had leave to go abroad in public, but refused it till the time came for him to manifest himself. A pillar of fire, with several stars, was seen hovering over the place where he was. He appeared in the [Grand] Turk's bedchamber, and several men sent by the Vizier to strangle him fell down dead in his presence. The pestilence has accomplished little humiliation or reformation, and now the sword threatens. If the fleet miscarry next engagement, great troubles are feared. Endorsed "Phanatique's letter." [3 *pages.*]

July 12. St. James's. 86. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Suggests that it might be well to stop all boats going from Dover, packet boats as well as others, till the fleet be abroad.

July 12. Royal Charles. 87. Duke of Albemarle to Lord Arlington. Intercedes in behalf of John Gryce, late prisoner in the Tower, and one of the chief witnesses against the fanatics who were hanged at London. The King promised him 10*s.* a week for life; he also promised 20*s.* weekly to one Easton, the chief intelligencer and discoverer of the whole design. Unless such people be well rewarded, good intelligence will fail hereafter. *Encloses,*

87. 1. *John Gryce to Sir Phil. Howard, on board the General's ship. Begs him to remind the General of his business. Is a laughing stock to all, having done for the King what no other could or would, and being now so much slighted that he has not a meal's meat nor a penny. Wants to be in a condition to do His Majesty more service, for the old enemies are as busy as ever; with liberty to dissemble, could discover the chiefest of them, but has neither money nor clothes. If the General will not interfere for him, begs to know it, that he may leave London, for fear of being imprisoned for debt. They will*

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*then have no witness against Capt. Pride. Was promised a gratuity and a settled maintenance.* [3 *pages.*]
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87. II. *Petition of John Gryce, late prisoner in the Tower, to the Duke of Albemarle. Declared the whole plot in open court. Gave evidence against the eight traitors that were executed, and could find out the chief of the King's enemies, if put into a condition to go about town. Reminds him that he first sent to his Grace to reveal the plot, and begs him to write to the King to put him in a condition for service.*

July 12. Southwold. 88. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. A vessel or two have been seen far off at sea; there is a company of foot in the town.

July 12. Truro. 89. Hugh Acland to Williamson. All is quiet. The drums were beating yesterday for volunteers to go to the Scilly Isles.

Jnly 12. Swansea. 90. Joh. Man to James Hickes. Thanks for Gazettes and written intelligence, and for the readiness to prevent miscarriage of letters. Will write each post. *Encloses,*

90. I. *Jon. Man to Williamson. The deputy lieutenants are very active to fit the country to oppose the enemy. A company of foot is to be raised about Swansea, and a troop of gentlemen volunteers in Glamorganshire; more will offer than can be admitted, the country being universally ready to serve the King. A passenger arrived there who was taken sailing from Wexford to Wales by a French galliot, which he fears will snap up other vessels coming.* *Swansea, July* 12, 1666.

July 12. Whitby. 91. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A French or Dutch man-of-war with English colours came close by Roch Head, and put the town in alarm, for fear of three of their ships at anchor close to the harbour; but he edged off, discouraged by the multitude of spectators on the cliffs, the newly planted guns, or the trained-band soldiers, who were ready in a trice to venture their lives for defence of the port; he is now three leagues off; two of the Whitby ships got in there, and the other to Scarborough Road. The guns given to the port by the King will secure it from vessels under 20 guns. The beacons are watched day and night, and next week a survey will be taken of all the arms in the North Riding except those of the trained bands, and an account given to the Lord Lieutenant that they may be ready on occasion. Two [deputy] lieutenants are to take weekly duty in viewing the North Riding, and putting it in a posture of defence; the people are vehemently exasperated against the French barbarism exercised upon the poor English in St. Christopher's Island. [1¼ *pages.*]

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July 12. Portsmouth. 92. Robt. Mills to Williamson. The Paradox has come into the bay, having left at Cowes a prize which she took.

July 12. Harwich. 93. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. The Dutch have returned to their old station; their long waiting deserves requital from the English fleet.

July 12. 94. Robt. Hammond to Monsieur Rosier. Finding him seldom at home, begs him to leave the paper with his landlord, sealed and directed to the writer. Endorsed [by Williamson] "Rosia; to be examined upon who Hammond is, what their business."

July 12. 95. Petition of Richard Bower, of Great Yarmouth, to the Commissioners of Prizes, to be dispatched home, being detained although he proved that he had done the service for which Mr. Warcup claimed credit; will be careful in future not to involve himself in like trouble, leaving the business to those who make their private pockets the King's privy purse.

July 12. Recommendation to the Duke of York of the request of George Fanshaw and Peter Doleman for a pass for a dogger boat to fish for their families support. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 213.]

July 12. Whitehall. Reference to the Prize Comrs. on the petition of Warham Jemmet for a warrant for some goods in a Hamburg ship, taken by a privateer of Sir A. Slingsby's, for whom he was bail. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 213.]

July 12. 96. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. The Duke of York wants commissions for —— Wise to be lieutenant, and John Lee ensign to Capt. Molroyen, in the Duke's regiment.

July 12. 97. Sir Wm. Coventry to Williamson. The Duke of York wants commissions for [Wm.] Morice to be lieutenant, and Rich. Sheldon ensign, of Capt. Cartwright's company in his regiment.

July 12. 98. Sir Adrian Scrope to Williamson. His troop, as good an one as ever raised, was mustered yesterday at Ware, but the commissary cannot close the rolls till all the commissions are given out and transcribed into the office; that for his kinsman, Adrian Scrope, as quartermaster, is wanting; begs it may be expedited; the troop is about marching, and will be wanted at the quarters.

July 12. Thursday noon, Royal Charles. 99. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Has given his advices to the Prince and Duke. The Warspite and Cambridge have come in, but the latter is without her guns, and if the weather prove blowing, will take longer to fit there than in the river. The wind is still English, and the Dutch in the same station.

July 13. Friday noon, Royal Charles. 100. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The Greenwich has arrived; the London and the Cambridge's guns are expected every tide. The whole fleet is glad of these additions; they will be manned from a few of the worst ships, which may well enough be left at home. Confidence increases; the seamen last night were afraid, from the Dutch fleet being under sail and standing seaward,

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that they would try to avoid fighting, which is probable enough if they could get in their East India ships and other merchant ships coming round Scotland. The new pressed men begin to fall sick, 30 since yesterday. Several set ashore by the Rupert at Harwich have died since of the plague, but that clears the ship well enough of it. The Gottenburg fleet of 20 sail has come down, and complain that some captains of frigates have pressed their men, notwithstanding their protections, but they will be released, for these ships are all going on the King's service for masts, which is of great concern. Thinks they should not venture out till after the engagement. [2 *pages.*]

July 13. Lynn. 101. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The 70 impressed seamen, stout able men, have marched under conduct of Major Anguish for Yarmouth, with a waggon for their baggage, and are ready and cheerful to fight the Hollanders. The Major, to encourage them, went a mile out of town with them, and at parting gave them 20*s.* to drink. A Dutch galley of six guns is cruising between Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

July 13. Minehead. 102. John Maurice to James Hickes. People wonder at the stay of the Virginia ships in Ireland; some say the southerly winds detain them, some that they wait a convoy, some that the seamen are afraid to come home, lest they should be pressed. The Harp that convoyed the Cowes ships has been in the harbour a fortnight, with 50 lusty fellows on board; wishes these men all on board the fleet. The time for bringing bullocks over is past, and consequently the chief trade with Ireland for the season. It is said that Lord John Butler is coming to go to Ireland in the Harp. The people want to be under martial discipline for their defence against pickeroons. It is a comfort to see the courage and resolution of the people against the French and Dutch.

July 13. Plymouth. 103. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Guinea fleet is still at Torbay. Sir Fras. Godolphin has sent three or four companies to reinforce the garrison of Scilly.

July 13. Plymouth. 104. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter to Hickes of July 12.

July 13. Canterbury. 105. J. Carlisle to Williamson. Lord Middleton has sent Major-General Desborough to Dover Castle. He landed in Thanet, but it is very dubious whether he intended to head a party. There are 5,000 soldiers in the town, and proportionably on the coasts. Deal is in sad condition, but Dover pretty well.

July 13. 5 A.M. Margate. 106. John Smith to Williamson. The Little Mary has arrived from Ostend, with a Dutch tender, belonging to John Evertsen, admiral of Zealand, carrying anchors, cables, &c., for their fleet, which she took near Dunkirk. Six Dutch vessels off Margate Road perceived and made to her to retake the prize, but she ran it aground

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near Broadstairs pier. They fired several shots at the people ashore and at the prize, but could not retake it, the place being well guarded with horses and men.

July 13. The King to the Duke of York. He is to frame, with the assistance of officers and others as he thinks fit, articles of war proper for the government of the forces raised for defence of the kingdom. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 195.]

[July 13.] 107. Draft of the above.

July 13. Warrant for a grant to Thos. Whitgrave of a pension of 200*l.* a year, to be received from cos. Oxford and Berks, in reward of his service in endeavouring to save the King from the violence of his enemies after his escape from Worcester. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 213.]

July. Minute of the above, dated July 6. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 212.]

July 13. Privy seal for 300*l.* to Sir Edward Savage, without account. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 213.]

July 13. Warrant for a grant to Nicholas Oudart of the office of Latin Secretary, void by death of Sir Rich. Fanshaw, salary 80*l.* a year. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 213.]

July 13. York. 108. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. News (as already given) from Newcastle and Whitby. The Duke of Buckingham is expected to-night from Lord Dunbar's in Holderness.

July 13. Newcastle. 109. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The London colliers and also the two frigates with the pressed men from Berwick and Tynemouth have been out of harbour, but have returned. Wishes the whole collier fleet, 300 ships now in port, were safely arrived, as they would bring a good supply for the navy. The Earl of Carlisle is not come; a person of honour is wanted to head the people. They will be more forward for land than sea service.

July 13. Norwich. 110. Roht. Scrivener to James Hickes. Trade is very dead, and most of the shops in the market place shut up; by next week there will not be ten shops open.

July 13. Plymouth. Fort. 111. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Vessels from Tangiers report the place in good condition, and at peace with the Moors, and the Duke of Beaufort gone to Lisbon. The Victoria will ply in the Sounding to meet the Barbadoes and Virginia ships coming from Ireland, under convoy of the Mermaid and Dartmouth. Is sending off the Portsmouth ketch with 50 men beside her own number.

July 13. Plymouth. 112. D. Grosse to Williamson. Three London merchant ships, laden with wine and fruit, have arrived from Malaga. Some fifth-rate frigates are much desired for the west. The capers are very busy there, and take many small vessels without resistance.

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July 13. Liverpool. 113. Jo. Waring to Thos. Bromhall, for Williamson. Ship owners little regard passes, and the concern would wholly fail, but that the writer sometimes lights on passengers on board. It is proved that in Chester Water, most if not all take shipping without the least examination. Wishes Mr. Morgan would move the farmers for the writer's encouragement. The seamen apprehend danger, because of reports of pickeroons in the Irish Channel, to prevent which ten sail belonging to owners in the town have lately departed. Marked in the margin, "A register book of certain rents and lands belonging to the Crown sold by the Commissioners for sale of King and Bishops' lands."

July 13. Carlisle. 114. Geo. Williamson to his brother Joseph Williamson. Lord Carlisle and the justices have decided the difference. His lordship's troop is to meet at Brampton, and brother Curson is mad to be gone. Begs help for him, as he is fitted for that.

July 13. 115. Dr. G. Bates to Williamson. Has used the utmost care in framing directions for him, but he must concur by observing his diet, forbearing all varieties of meat, eating sparingly of it, and taking no fruit, salads, sauces, nor wine, except mixed with water; only a crust of bread or poached egg for supper. He must take the pills, and also forbear late sitting up, and all anxiety as much as he can.

July 13. Pembroke. 116. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. On the 11th, 25 or 26 ships, supposed to be the Bristol Virginia fleet, passed the harbour. They put the country into such a fright, not being in a posture of defence, that the people thought of running away. The Martin galley still remains there; knows not on what account.

July 13. 117. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 13. Aldborough. 118. Rich. Browne to Williamson. There are three vessels in sight, supposed to bring supplies from Holland. The Dutch fleet is in the same place, but more numerous, and lying closer together. Wishes there were a constant force to preserve the town and adjacent parts, there being none to resist a landing but the inconsiderable force that the town can raise.

July 13. 119. Sir Wm. Coventry to [Williamson]. The Duke of York wants commissions for —— Moyle as lieutenant and Fras. Vincent as ensign to Capt. Silius Titus' company in his regiment.

July 13. 120. Sir W. Coventry to [Williamson]. The Duke of York has changed his intention for Mr. Lee to be ensign to Capt. Molroyen, and wishes Wm. Heydon to be ensign to Molroyen, and Mr. Lee ensign to Capt. Blincow, in Portsmouth garrison; he also wishes [Wm.] Morice to be lieutenant, and Edw. Harris ensign to Capt. George Cartwright, and —— Wrey lieutenant, and —— Webb, ensign, to Capt. Loe.



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July 13. 121. Sir Wm. Coventry to Williamson. Has made a mistake; Sheldon is to be ensign to Sir Edw. Carleton, and Harris to Cartwright, if it be not irrevocable.

July 13. Yarmouth. 122. Thos. Dunn to Sam. Pepys. There are only three anchor-smiths in the town, and they but "mean in estate," having little iron by them, and few hammer-men at work, many being dismissed last year owing to the deadness of trade; they may engage for 20 or 30 anchors in three months time, but cannot promise to effect anything equal in workmanship to what is done in London; the Speedwell is arrived, the other ships and ketches remain in harbour, not daring to sail for Harwich on account of the enemy; 60 more able seamen have come from Lynn; wishes they were with the generals. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. Plymouth. 123. John Lanyon to Sam. Pepys. Has written to Scilly and Falmouth about anchors; can only procure 11 in Plymouth, and those mostly small; is offered an excellent parcel of cordage and Dutch yarn. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 124. Jas. Hayes to Sam. Pepys. Wants tickets; promises an account of the condition of provisions on board in a day or two. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jnly 14. Gravesend. 125. Rich. Elkin, muster-master, to Sam. Pepys. Gave notice, as ordered, to all the merchant ships bound for Gottenburg and others, and all have set sail except the Angel and St. Jacob, their excuse being a want of men to carry them to the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 14. Ordnance Office. 126. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. One of the London's carriages was, by mistake, left behind; it is shipped off this tide with two others, written for by Sir Jer. Smyth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 14? 127. Petition of Willm. Miller to the King, for payment of 100*l.* due to him by bond on Sir Wm. Macdowell late resident at the Hague, and which Macdowell, by will, ordered to be paid from the sums due to him by His Majesty. Has served in many weighty affairs, and obtained no reply to former petitions.

July 14. 128. Petition of Willm. Miller, of Edinburgh, to the King, to the same effect. Was twice tried for life for treason against the usurpers, was deprived of two dwelling houses, and lost all he had in forwarding the Restoration, &c.

July 14. 129. Petition of Col. Walter Whitford to the King, for the place of Town Major of Hull; is disabled from field service by 18 wounds received in the late King's wars.

July 14. Cowes. 130. Jo. Peronne to Sir Willm. Coventry. A Dutch caper took in St. Martin's Road a great flyboat from New England, laden with masts for the King's use. Could have surprised her if he had had the means. The French fleet which conveys the Queen of Portugal sailed from Challoboys Road, June 27, but put in again for the wind, and sailed for Lisbon on the 30th. De Beaufort was

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at Lisbon, and ordered not to stir till the French fleet arrived with the Queen of Portugal; they were straitened for provisions, and the fleet with the Queen could not have sailed but for 5,000 barrels of beef from the Irish, who hold correspondence with the French king. The coast is full of soldiers, horse and foot; there are 1,500 soldiers in St. Martin's, they fearing lest the English should land; 400 soldiers are to go to St. Christopher's in their merchant ships; 500 flat-bottomed boats for landing men are building in Normandy; they talk much of a landing in Ireland, and say that the French King has sent into Scotland to persuade the people to rebellion; he has given leave for all Scots to remain in France, though before he had banished them as well as the English. [1½ *pages.*]

July 14. Chester. 131. John Baker to James Hickes. Delivered to the mayor a petition from the young men and apprentices of the city, asking leave to show themselves as ready to serve King and country as those of London had done. The mayor has granted it, with thanks for their forwardness; they have petitioned Lord Lieutenant the Earl of Derby to grant them a commission and furnish arms, when they will make a complete company, to be ready on command, as an auxiliary of the city; doubts not that this will be granted.

July 14. Chester Castle. 132. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Requests assistance about a letter sent to Lord Arlington. The Earl of Carbery has met the Denbighshire and Flintshire militia, and there was a very great appearance. Captain Spencer, of Broxton hundred, Cheshire, has mustered 120 able men, and Capt. Butler, having raised his full number, has left for Ireland. Is trying to make a correspondence there.

July 14. Bridgewater. 133. W. Symons to James Hickes. Lieut.-Col. Powlett's company has been mustered near the town, with great alacrity and readiness to defend their country.

July 14. Weymouth Port. 134. John Pocock to James Hickes. Bernard Knaplock of Weymouth, now prisoner in Flushing gaol, writes that the prisoners have not victuals to sustain nature; the wounded are very badly looked after, and they are so crowded together this hot weather that they have not room to stand, much less to sit, and must be stifled and perish without speedy relief. Requests favour for Mr. Stone, the postmaster, summoned upon false accusations about the miscarriage of letters; the thing has been brewing four years; never heard any complain but his accuser.

July 14. Lyme. 135. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. The place is in good health. Some townsmen in the fleet express in their letters great earnestness for an engagement. Is rejoiced to hear that the fleet is out, and is to engage on Monday.

July 14. Knighton. 136. R. Dillington to Williamson. The whole militia in the Isle [of Wight] has been mustered, and they express great readiness to protect King and country; Lord Colepeper was present, with Sir Hen. Jones and his troop, well equipped. In case of imminent danger,

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hopes some horse and foot would be sent; the landing places for an enemy are so many that the militia of the island would be insignificant to withstand them. The inhabitants, who bear arms at 6*l.* and 8*l.* a year, would be burdened with continual duty and ruined, unless eased by the soldiers, especially in harvest time. The Isle of Wight men, said in the Gazette to have been thrown overboard by the French off Cornwall, have never been heard of since. This rigour has much animated the island against the French.

July 14. West Cowes. 137. John Lysle to Williamson. A general muster of the militia has been held, 16 companies of 1,800 well-armed men, and 13 field pieces. The people are in great joy on hearing that the King has taken care to send some companies of foot, a troop of horse, a surveyor, and an engineer into the island. The 46 French prisoners are secured, but should be sent inland, lest they should run out in rebellion, there being only eight musketeers at a time to guard them. The Guilmet of Nantes is set at liberty by the prize office, and will go to London. Begs influence with Lord Arlington in reference to a favour which he has requested through Sir Thos. Prestwich. [1¼ *pages.*]

July 14. Hull. 138. Luke Whittington to Williamson. Capt. Lightfoot of the Speedwell put to sea on the 8th. The Duke and Duchess of Buckingham arrived yesterday, she from Barton in Lincolnshire, he from the Earl of Dunbar's in Holderness, with the Earls of Shrewsbury and Cardigan, Lord Brudenell, their ladies and other persons of quality; they all dined at the governor's, were banquetted by the mayor and aldermen, and went last night to Lord Dunbar's, except the Duke and Duchess and their company; they remain at the deputy governor's, who is treating them again to-day.

July 14. Whitehall. Order for a warrant for felling 500 oaks in the New Forest for a new ship now building at Portsmouth, the oaks to be chosen by a purveyor for the navy and the officers of the forest. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p.* 197.]

July 14. Newcastle. 139. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends a relation of the capture of a Dutch privateer, from a kinsman who intended to go aboard Sir Jeremy Smith as a volunteer. The people are much encouraged; the land soldiers did good service in the engagement; the prize is well stored with powder, shot, &c. The captains of the Pembroke and Fountain refused orders to sail to the fleet. *Encloses,*

139. I. *Ra. Forster to Rich. Forster. Particulars of the chase and capture by the Pembroke of an Amsterdam privateer, taken after a sharp dispute, with 64 men and 6 boys on board. The Pembroke lost Collingwood, a stout fellow, and three others.*

*The Pembroke, at the Bar, July* 14, 1666.

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July 14. Shrewsbury. 140. Fras. Lord Newport, [Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire,] to Williamson. Has received two letters together from the King, ordering the payment of the militia tax to Sir Stephen Fox for the three new regiments of horse, and alluding to former letters directing the tax from several counties to be paid into Shrewsbury Castle. No money but the money of that county was ever directed to be paid to Shrewsbury, and it is said that those regiments are reduced to troops. Asks whether the money is to be sent away, notwithstanding the regiments not being raised, and whether other counties are ordered to send it away. The King ordered two of the three months' tax to be sent to the Ordnance Comrs. to Leicester, and the deputy lieutenants are troubled not to be permitted to keep the last month's money in this dangerous time. Has sent 30 horse, being a fourth of the militia horse, to Northampton, as ordered by Council. Lord Carbery is settling his militia in Wales in good time.

July 14. Gainsborough. 141. Willm. Hickman to Williamson. Lord Ogle held his first rendezvous of his troop at Retford yesterday; above 100 came to be listed, but he mustered only 73. He wishes to remove the troop to Gainsborough, as being more convenient for quartering the soldiers; is named himself as lieutenant, Cecil Cooper as cornet, and Clifton Rhodes quartermaster. His lordship wants commissions which should bear date some time before yesterday.

July 14. 142. Willm. Hickman to Williamson. Finds that the commissions for the cornet and quartermaster have come, but not his own as lieutenant. Begs dispatch.

July 14. Harwich. 143. [Silas Taylor] to Williamson. Is ashamed to say that some deputy lieutenants' life guard gentlemen and volunteers went on board a galliot hoy to see the Dutch fleet; that the galliot chased a Dutch ketch, the guns flew, and at last they got to small shot, but that these gallants did not approve of that, and by their importunities forced the master to return. This should not be put in the Gazette. The Dutch lie very quiet in the same place.

July 14. Languard Point Fort. 144. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The Dutch are exercising their men; the English fleet intends to be with them on Monday or Tuesday. A great store of gentlemen went out to take a view of the Dutch fleet; when 1½ leagues off, a small vessel was sent to attack them; the gentlemen's hearts failed, and they desired the master to make all the sail he could and get away; he refused, saying he should be hanged when he came back; they mutinied and threatened to cut his throat; they told him their lives were of more value than his, two of them being knights, and promised him a piece of plate if he would return, which they have performed, he coming back after firing a few guns; had not their hearts failed, the English vessel would have brought in the other.

July 14. Bridlington. 145. John Bower to James Hickes. The men whose landing he named in his letter of the 9th instant proved to be merchants and

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factors from beyond seas, and came from Ostend. The enemy frequently appear in sight, and their landing is greatly feared, the preparations to receive them being so bad. No English ships dare venture out of harbour, but there is news of the fleet being at sea.

July 14. Bridlington. 146. John Bower to Williamson. To the same effect; with thanks for the weekly papers.

July 14. 147. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. The Duke of York wants a commission for John Wise to be lieutenant to Capt. Molroyen's company. If Sheldon's commission under Capt. Cartwright cannot be altered, Mr. Harris must have his for Sir Edw. Carleton.

July 14. Sunderland. 148. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Yesterday the Pembroke took a Holland man-of-war on those coasts. Another of greater force is discovered in the Tees, and a dispatch is sent to the captains of the Pembroke and Fountain, before Tynemouth bar; hopes it will be taken.

July 14. Royal Charles. 149. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. The Dutch are in their old station. The London is expected every tide. Supplies of men come daily.

July 14. Saturday noon, Royal Charles. 150. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The Dutch are in their old station, 16 in the Gunfleet, 9 or 10 towards the North Foreland, the rest by Longsand Head. Sir Thos. Allin went out to see whether it would be possible with fire-ships to put them in disorder to-night, but finds no good could be done, they having taken their berths at such distances from each other, and so secured themselves with scouts. The easterly wind yesterday prevented the London coming in, but is now north-west by north, and Sir Jeremy Smith hopes to come in. There are daily additions of men, and the captains speak more cheerfully. Thinks it will be a week before they sail, though most expect it sooner.

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July 15. Royal Charles. 1. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The Dutch lie as before. The London has not arrived. Sir Jeremy Smith begins to be censured by his best friends for not coming away on Thursday when he had a fresh gale, for it is dangerous to tide such a ship down; if she struck in an ebbing water, she might be lost. Wishes there were yet 1,000 good seamen. Sir John Griffin, who has just come from Greenwich, says he saw the London under sail near the Longreach. The scouts report the Dutch to be 100 sail, great and small.

July 15. Plymouth Fort. 2. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. A ship from Alicant and Tangiers reports that the King of Tafaletta came against Guyland with 40,000 men; part of Guyland's army revolted, and he retreated into

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Arzilla wounded, with 300 men. He sent Col. Norwood a present of a horse, a camel, and a young lion, and begged an able surgeon, and also a boat to wait on him. If forced from Arzilla, he intends to come to Tangiers. Tituan has also revolted to the King of Tafaletta. There are 19 ships coming into the Sound; seven or eight are the Royal Company's, bound for Guinea, the rest for Newfoundland and other places.

July 15. 3. Duplicate of part of the above.

July 15. Plymouth. 4. John Clarke to James Hickes. Report of Guyland's rout by the King of Morocco. He requested a surgeon from the governor of Tangiers, who sent him two, and two ketches to fetch him from the fort where he was besieged, if required. The Guinea fleet has arrived from Torbay.

July 15. 5. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 15. Plymouth. 6. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. A ship of the town from Alicant saw 20 French galleys in the Straits, but escaped them by keeping close under the land. De Beaufort's fleet is about Lisbon.

July 15. Falmouth. 7. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Capt. Luke Hall, in the Panther, has brought in a ship from Rochelle, laden with wines, paper, &c., pretended Ostender. An English passenger on board reports that the Duke of Beaufort was to return from Lisbon with the ships that carried over the Queen, and that 24 men-of-war are preparing at or near Rochelle. The Swallow has sailed from Falmouth.

July 15. Letter Office. 8. James Hickes to [Williamson]. The Yarmouth mail, which left on Friday, 10 p.m., has just come in [Sunday] 4¼; it might easily have come 14 or 16 hours since; blames several postmasters on the road for not dating the labels, or for detaining the mails several hours.

July 15. Portsmouth. 9. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. The Constant Warwick is hastening to the fleet; she, the Paradox, and the Drake will convoy some small vessels.

July 15. Berwick. 10. M. Scott to Williamson. Will try as requested to obtain an intelligent correspondent in Edinburgh. A new privateer of 30 guns is building for Capt. Browne, and more are intended. John Napier of London has been committed by the deputy governor, on suspicion of being a spy; he says that he was in the Royal James last fight, is a merchant, and that his ship was taken two months ago, and he set on shore in the west of Wales, whence he came to Liverpool and Newcastle; fears he has run away for debt, or through cowardice, though an able fellow.

1666? July 15. Oxford. 11. Geo. Libomi to Chas. Parrott, at Mr. Williamson's lodgings. Sends for entry in the next Gazette, a statement that the deputy lieutenants of Oxfordshire and magistrates of Oxford have been

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1666 ? hard at work dispatching recruits for army and navy; they have sent away a company of lusty young bargemen, who passed along the streets singing and shouting, also 150 able pressed men. A squadron of horse has marched to the rendezvous at Maidenhead, and many volunteers have gone for the fleet, under Charles Bertie, son of the Earl of Lindsey. The Anabaptists declare they would engage against Dutch and French if permitted; the very women encourage their relations to war, and one sturdy girl put on man's apparel, and went on board the fleet. If other counties had the like zeal, Holland might be drowned, and France burned in seven years. [2 *pages.*]

1666. July 15. 12. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. The Duke of York wants a commission for John Grove to be lieutenant to Capt. Bromley. He wishes to place Lieutenant Wise in some other company, if his commission for Capt. Molroyen be not delivered.

July 15. The King to the Lord Lieutenants of Counties. There is ground to suspect that the enemy intends an invasion, and is encouraged by the rumours of malicious fugitives, of distractions and evil practices at home, some of which have already been frustrated. They are to have a particular eye on all disaffected persons, especially such as keep horses or arms above their rank, which are to be taken from them, and pains taken to find out any contrivances against the peace. The 14 days' pay for the commission officers of the militia is to be first given from the militia money for the year, and then the remainder is to be remitted to Sir Stephen Fox; but if all have been paid in, the said 14 days' pay is to be refunded. Accounts of proceedings are to be returned to King or Council. With note of an additional clause to the lord lieutenants of seacoast counties, that if the enemy attempt to land, as in some cases they have done, they are to be attacked and no quarter given; with note of such of the letters as were transmitted by Sec. Morice and Lord Arlington's clerks respectively. [*Ent. Book* 20, *pp.* 132–3*a.*]

[July 15.] 13. Draft of the above, except the clause relating to the militia money.

July 15. Portsmouth Dockyard. 14. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The Warwick will sail to-morrow. The dockard continues in good health, but the town very bad. There is now no way left to go out of the yard without annoyance, the pest-house being on one side within 100 feet, and the common burial ground within 3 or 4 roods of the other. The graves are left so shallow that they are commonly covered with crows and ravens, except when the grave digger is at work. Has told the mayor of this, but he refuses to interfere. It is like the rest of his actions. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

14. I. *Account by Greg. Peachey of hemp in store, which will take eight months to be made into cordage by the men whom the sickness has left Portsmouth Ropeyard, July* 14, 1666.

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July 15. 15. Pass from Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor of London, for Jacomyma, relict of Simon Van Slingelant, late merchant of London, to go to Dort to settle her affairs, leaving her family and concerns in England, and going in the ship which carries prisoners on exchange. With note of the like passage for Mary Ougle, her maid.

July 16. Portsmouth. 16. John Tippetts to Sam. Pepys. A chest, said to contain the King's money, brought into port by Capt. Wood in the Henrietta, was fetched away from his house when the ship left the dry dock. Is going to the New Forest to mark out timber for the fortifications. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 16. 17. Petition of Geo. Minors, purser of the Sovereign, to the Navy Comrs., for payment of the extra money expended in fitting out the ship and allowed to the purser, by the late additional instructions. This is his fourth petition, and he has received no answer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 16. 18. John Tooker to [Sam. Pepys. There are men enough now, besides those in the Tower, to give the Young Prince a full freight. Nothing effectual has been done in shipping the 18,000 feet of board, as only six labourers could be found to transport it. Mr. Harper wishes an order for the reception of 9,000 feet of elm lying at Deptford wharf. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 16. Warrant for a licence to Sir Henry Wroth to enclose 1,500 acres of common in the manors of Loughton and Chigwell, within Waltham Forest, co. Essex, yet so that the deer may go into the same, although no writ of inquisition has been held thereon. [*Ent. Book* 23, *pp.* 106, 215, 216.]

[July 16.] 19. Draft of the above.

July 16. Warrant for the liberty of [Ralph] Rymer, upon his bond, and that of two other persons, for his surrendering himself prisoner. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 216.]

July 16. Pass for Jacomyma Van Sleeland [Slingelant] and her maid into Holland. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 216.]

July 16. Whitehall. Proclamation publishing the commission granted to John Lord Berkeley and other Commissioners and Officers of Ordnance, and to John Evelyn, to work saltpetre and gunpowder, of which there is more than ordinary occasion for defence of the realm, and to dig for saltpetre in all convenient places between sunrise and sunset. All differences between them and the owners of the places digged to be settled by justices of the peace or mayors. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 222.]

[July 16.] 20. Draft of the above, noted as read and approved in Council, July 13. [2 *sheets.*]

July 16. Minute of the above proclamation. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 217.]

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July 16. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to affix the great seal to a grant for a certain number of boats of Bruges to fish in these seas. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 217.]

July 16. Licence for William, son of Sir John Duncombe, to travel. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 219.]

July 16. 21. Pass from Thos. Adams, for Hen. Kemp, merchant, one of his parishioners, to go to Holland on his necessary business, in the ship which carries prisoners on exchange.

July 16. 22. Like pass from Thos. Adams, for Peter Vandermarsh, merchant, of St. Dionis Backchurch parish, and Mary, daughter of John Vandermarsh, of St. Andrew's Undershaft, to go to Dort and return.

July 16. Whitehall. 23. Warrant for an additional establishment of three companies, as specified, to be continued in the islands of Scilly, Truscoe, and St. Mary's Castle, till further orders; yearly cost, 4,868*l.* 10*s.*

July 16. Commission for John Lye to be Ensign to Capt. Blencow in Portsmouth. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 126.]

July 16. Commissions for Alexander Straughton to be Adjutant, John Sincler, Quartermaster, Thos. Ballandin, Surgeon, and David Whitford, Chaplain to Lord Douglas's regiment. Minutes. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 128.]

July 16. Northampton. 24. Col. Chas. Wheeler to Williamson. Is in pain to contrive the standing of his troop, which he hopes to make very complete. Has pressed the Duke of York to admit him to his regiment, having formerly been major to his regiment of horse, but the Duke says he cannot promise. Owes his troop to Lord Arlington, and wishes to stand on any ground he may fix on. The office of quartermaster of the arym is yet undisposed of; could discharge its duties. The holder of it must be a general officer in an army, he is never less than a colonel of horse, and has a troop to attend him. Does not want his pay advancing beyond a captain of horse, but wishes to establish his troop. [2 *pages.*]

July 16. Swansea. 25. John Man to Williamson. Capture of the French East Indian ship, near Guernsey. Jersey little regards the threats of the French, having four companies of foot, two troops of horse, and 4,000 of the trained bands of the island, all well-disciplined and resolute. On Tuesday, in a storm of thunder and lightning, a flame of fire, in the figure of a man, entered a house at Carlton, Monmouthshire, by a lower room where a woman was at prayer, and into an upper one, where some young people were dancing and making merry; it did no harm, but caused great astonishment.

July 16. Lichfield. 26. Shar. Talbot to Williamson. A good store of watermen have been pressed on the Severn and sent to Bristol; many more

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might be had from Staffordshire and Shropshire, who hide themselves from the press. There are many lusty young men for land service, whom the country would be glad were pressed away, for they will not labour, but live by stealing.

July 16. Falmouth. 27. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Lord Arundel's frigate, the Swallow, has gone to sea. The drums have been beaten in several towns for volunteers for Scilly; three companies are speedily to go there.

July 16. Truro. 28. Hugh Acland to Williamson. All is quiet; Lord Arundel's frigate has brought in a vessel of 300 tons, laden with brandy, wine, and gunpowder, supposed to be Dutch.

July 16. Pendennis. 29. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Capt. Luke Hall has brought in a French prize, laden with wine, paper, &c., which pretends to be an Ostender. There are three militia companies ready at an hour's warning to be transported to Scilly; the country seems more and more courageous against foreign invasion. De Beaufort has not yet left Lisbon.

July 16. Chester. 30. Thos. Baker to Williamson. The coast is clear from pickeroons; the report was raised on purpose that some private persons might have the benefit of returning the 14,000*l*. The King is abused by persons who serve rather for gain than for conscience. The country is generally forward; Col. Robinson, with his brave regiment of foot, offered to march entire out of Denbighshire, when commanded, as did Sir John Salisbury, who commands the county horse. The Earl of Derby, lord lieutenant, is to meet the deputy lieutenants at Chester to-morrow; the young men of the city petition to be admitted auxiliaries. Begs news.

July 16. Aldborough. 31. Rich. Browne to Williamson. There was an alarm last night, because by reason of the fog, the Dutch fleet loomed as if they were nearer than formerly. Particulars of Dutch and French vessels seen off the coasts.

July 16. Tunbridge. 32. Fras. Lord Hawley to Williamson. The Queen is very well with her waters, and is very exact in observing her physician's rules; several ladies take the water, it agrees with them well, and is some diversion in that place, dull but for the company. Makes it his delight to obey the Queen's orders. Wants a post warrant for a servant to Marlborough and back.

July 16. Exeter. 33. Earl of Bath to [Williamson.] Will execute the King's commands vigorously when his commission comes. Has remained there thus long to settle the militia in good posture, and has seen them in arms, expressing great alacrity to the service. Has spent all the week with the deputy lieutenants, in settling the county militia; all express great zeal and forwardness to oppose the enemies. Is going to Plymouth and Cornwall. Will send Lord Arlington a list of officers' names for the regiment of horse, and hopes he will recommend them to the King. Capt. Pomeroy came by the Duke of York's order

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to obey Sir Thos. Clifford's instructions, but finding none, repaired to the writer to give him directions, and to speak with the mayor about quartering the soldiers, which is done. Has appointed the captain to take charge of 400 prisoners who were ill-guarded before, but in a strong house; his company will assure the militia and discourage the fanatics. He is a good officer and acceptable to that country, being a countryman of good family. [3 *pages.*]

July 16. York. 34. Sir Jordan Crosland to Williamson. Wants an answer to the enclosed which concerns him much; has victualled Scarborough Castle for two months.

July 16. Lynn. 35. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A general muster for the county is to be held on Thursday. A French sloop chased four colliers on the coast of Lincolnshire; three were run ashore and the country people came down in arms and rescued them, the fourth got safe to Boston. Two seamen, who were prisoners in Amsterdam, came through the town, and said they had had very civil usage, but the prisoners in Zealand complain of being very hardly used.

July 16. Dover. 36. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. If the order for stoppage of Italian and Spanish letters had been directed to himself alone, it would have been in time to stop the French mail which carries them, but being first directed to Mr. Carlisle, it was taken to him at Canterbury, and he did not forward it till too late. Is sorry for it, at such a conjuncture. Has written to Sir Phil. Frowde about it; 160 prisoners are coming or come from Leeds Castle to have passage, which cannot be admitted without order.

July 16. Dover. 37. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. From friendship to the late Sir Arthur Slingsby, became bound for him in a trial for a prize taken by one of his privateers; his sudden death leaving all in confusion, is now called on by the Prize Comrs. for 200*l.* damage; thinks it hard to be under restraint for damage of a ship that carried enemies' goods, and the King to have the goods. Mr. Fras. Slingsby may give satisfaction and get him off from it. Unless Lord Arlington favours him, must come to London on this business; fears his absence would prejudice the service, as all packets and letters for Lord Arlington, Sir Wm. Coventry, and others at Court are directed to himself, and delivered to masters of vessels to conceal them, and then deliver them to him. [1½ *pages.*]

July 16. Dover. 5 P.M. 38. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The scouts report that it is too true that the French have joined the Dutch squadron, which now consists of 110 Dutch and 14 French ships. Notes of vessels seen. Will send the boat to the fleet to-morrow; wants leave to go in it; would then put in at the first port, and send tidings the sooner.

July 16. Norwich. 39. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. There is fear that the plague increases; the city is very thin of people, and there is no trading, so

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that the poor increase. The hail has done much harm to the corn about Elsham. There is much talk of shooting at sea, but some think it is only thunder.

July 16. Weymouth Port. 40. John Pocock to James Hickes. The Nonsuch, by great diligence and care, keeps the coast clear of pickeroons. The county militia are chiefly drawn near the seacoasts, but none there.

July 16. York. 41. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. Capt. Ralph Sydenham marched 150 landmen from Berwick to Tynemouth, and shipped them in the Pembroke, under Capt. Goodlad; she set sail, engaged with a new Dutch man-of-war, well fitted out, of 22 guns, and fought till 8 p.m., and then the landmen boarded and took her; the enemy had 20 killed and 16 prisoners, the Pembroke 5 killed and 16 wounded.

July 16. 2 P.M. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 42. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The Little Mary, sent to Nieuport for Sir W. Swan, brought in a Dutch prize, with 80 seamen going to their fleet, who were landed at Broadstairs and sent to Leeds Castle. The captain pretends to have thrown overboard his commission, with letters and advices to De Ruyter, so that he may be looked upon as a pirate if thought fit; he had three cables and two anchors intended for De Ruyter's ship, but now they are ordered for the London which Sir J. Smith has brought in, with the Richard and Martha, a good merchant ship. The London is commended by all, and is thought to sail well; she has three months' provisions on board, yet a man may stand on the top of it and scarce reach the deck. Her masts are somewhat of the shortest, and she is under-gunned by 100 tons, having only 13 or 14 guns. She now only wants able seamen, which is such a general want that the generals are disabling sixth-rate ships, four heavy Dutch men, and two merchantmen to supply the rest of the fleet. The disabled ships are to draw to the Rolling Grounds before Harwich, recruit from colliers or merchant ships passing, and follow the fleet, but they will be too late for the engagement. The generals are anxious to be out, the time drawing near for the return of the Dutch East India fleet, and nothing has to be done but adjusting the men from the disabled ships. The fleet will still be 90 men-of-war. The Little Mary also brought 70 Englishmen who broke prison out of Holland. Lord Albemarle wishes a stop to be put, during his absence, to a suit begun against him in Ireland by a person of little desert, and he can show that it is unjust. Prince Rupert is at present (4 p.m.) shooting. [3 *pages.*]

July 16. Royal Charles. 43. Sir Thos. Clifford to Williamson. Thanks for his letters. Has written all that is remarkable to Lord [Arlington].

July 17. Pass for Sir James Dillon and his son James, with three servants, to Flanders. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 216.]

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July 17. Pass for Peter and Mary Vandermast to go to Dort and to return again. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 216.]

July 17. Pass for Mr. Kemp to Dort. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 216.]

Jnly 17. Whitehall. Warrant to pay from the additional aid of 1,250,000*l.* 10,000*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox, appointed paymaster of the forces to be raised and continued only during the necessity of the Dutch war. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 217.]

July 17. Warrant for James Camwell to transport six horses custom free, for the use of the Duchess of Orleans. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 218.]

July 17. Warrant for a buck out of the west bailiwick of Rockingham Forest. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 218.]

July 17. Another warrant for a buck out of the same forest, as a fee deer. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 218.]

[July 17.] 44. Warrants to search for and apprehend Baynes, to convey him in safe custody to Northampton, where the chief officer in command is to send him under guard to St. Alban's, and then by a like guard he is to be brought prisoner to the Tower, and warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive him. Minutes. [*Draft.*]

July 17. Entry of minutes similar to the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 218.]

July 17. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive and secure John Desborough, formerly called Major-General Desborough, a close prisoner. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 218.]

Jnly 17. Grimsby Magna. 45. Certificate by Thos. Newton, mayor, and four others of Grimsby Magna, that Thos. Chaplin, master of the Thomas and John, of Boston, and another ship of Bridlington, were that day taken in the inner road of Grimsby by a Dutch hoy, whose boat, with 24 men, came up with such courage as to take them, the men of the town being unable to get to them by reason of the tide.

July 17. Fetter Lane. 46. Gregory Phillipps to Williamson. For aught he can find by his utmost endeavours, either in city or country, all things are likely to continue quiet; is going, unless Lord Arlington objects, to the country, to Roger Houldworth's, Rickmansworth, near Moor Park.

July 17. Careby. 47. J. Hatcher to Williamson. Requests help for his cousin Ayscough, who is coming to London to seek employment.

July 17. Dover, 5 P.M. 48. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. Has ordered the boat to go as near the Gunfleet as she can, sail by the Long Sands, and return with all speed. There is not a ship in the Narrow Seas; 160 Dutch prisoners, sent from Leeds Castle by order of the Duke of York, and also some Frenchmen are there detained by the embargo, which is but reasonable till the fight is over.

July 17. Margate. 49. John Smith to Williamson. Will direct his letters to him, and not to Mr. Cook. The Dutch hover up and down, and their

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scouts are seen daily; 150 men pressed round about are put into small frigates, to be conveyed to the fleet. The companies of Scots have come into the Isle [of Thanet] to quarter, and four of the companies' quarters are in their parish. The Dutch prize taken by the Mary is safe with the fleet; has seven of the Dutch wounded men under his charge; has taken care of all the sick and wounded set on shore, but as yet has no positive order to do so.

July 17. Tunbridge. 50. Patrick Maginn to Williamson. Will write him more frequently in answer to his kind complaint. Wonders that in the multiplicity of affairs, which scarce afford him leisure to speak to anybody, he should spare time to write to him. Encloses a letter to be sent to Mr. Ognate, whether in England or Flanders. [2 *pages.*]

July 17. Harwich. 51. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch are said to be 100 or 104 ships, and lie about the same place; guns have been heard for two or three hours, and are guessed to be recruits of ships, men, or victuals, from Holland; some ships with men lie at Yarmouth, waiting to get to the English fleet; broadsides were heard between three and four this morning; about 11 there was a most unusual storm, the wind at almost all points of the compass, darkness like night, hail stones of great bigness, cornered, sharp, and large, lightning and distant thunder. The Dutch admiral fired some guns.

July 17. Portsmouth. 52. Robt. Mills, for Hugh Salisbury, to Williamson. The ships formerly named remain, except the Paradox, which is gone westward to press men. The sickness grows very hot at Portsmouth.

July 17. 53. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Wants Lord Arlington's pass for Mrs. D'Escluse, daughter of Mr. Browne, late accountant of the post office, who has come over about the concerns of her late father's will, and has to return to Holland.

July 17. Milford Haven. 54. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Martin has sailed for Ireland. A French wine prize, bound for Holland, has been taken by the Guernsey, and is to be sent to Bristol.

July 17. 55. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

July 17. Languard Point Fort. 56. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. The English fleet is expected to-night. Some frigates are come to the buoy in the Middle Ground.

July 17. Southwold. 57. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. Particulars of vessels seen off the coasts. Five merchant vessels from the town, with a frigate for convoy, have arrived from Hull. Capt. Playter's company has marched out, and the town has only such a guard as it can afford. Sir John Rous promises assistance on notice, but it is 24 hours before they can get their whole company into town. There is a complaint all along the coast that they want ammunition, and their artillery fixed. Asks directions for sending men pressed and recovered to the fleet. July 16 and 17.

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July 17. Hull. 58. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The governor, Lord Belasyse, arrived yesterday, and is gone to Beverley, the deputy lieutenants and East Riding gentry meeting him three miles off the town. To-morrow they go to York, to meet the Duke of Buckingham and the deputy lieutenants of the East and North Riding, to order the security of those parts. The Duke and Sir George Saville's troops are to muster, for pickeroons are sometimes seen off the Humber, and a galliot hoy picked up a light collier, but she got off.

July 17. Newcastle. 59. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends an account from a person who was on board the Pembroke in the engagement. The prisoners confess they lost heart when they discovered the soldiers in their red coats. The man of-war intends to go from the bar this morning. Some guns heard, reported to be an engagement, may only be a salute to the castle. The prize was delivered to Alderman Blacket. Several men, well horsed and armed, are gone thence to be entertained under the Earl of Carlisle, who has not yet left Naworth Castle.

July 17. Plymouth. 60. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Guinea fleet still waits a wind to carry it out of the Channel. The governor, the Earl of Bath, has been 10 days at Exeter settling the militia; he returns to Plymouth and thence to Cornwall.

July 17. 61. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 17. 62. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. Wants the commission for James Thynne, approved by the King to be cornet of Lord Windsor's troop. Sends a letter from the commander of the ship that carried over the Portugal ambassador's goods, which is worth showing to the King.

July 17. Minehead. 63. John Maurice to James Hickes. A Swedish hoy, laden with French wines and bound for Bristol, has taken in a pilot. The Harp, with seven or eight more vessels, sailed for Ireland; Lord John Butler was in her. The frigate lately built at Bristol has passed to the west, some think to Ireland, to take men out of the Virginia fleet. The foot post, who takes letters twice a week from Taunton to those parts, says he would be more careful if the postmaster at Sherborne allowed him 6*s.* a week as before, instead of 4*s.* 6*d.*

July 17. Haigh. 64. Sir Roger Bradshaigh to Williamson. In obedience to the King's orders, a fourth part of the county militia is drawn out, and it was difficult to keep the rest from going; 35 horse, besides officers, marched under Capt. Hen. Staughton; all the gentry of the country are to unite, and try who will raise men if occasion be. The fanatics and Presbyterians are as ready as any to take commissions; dreads the consequences of giving them the opportunity to arm themselves and count their numbers, but will submit to the King's example, who allows some such to raise regiments. Asks whether Papists may be enlisted without offence, or have commissions in case of invasion. Those in that county have been as faithful sufferers for His Majesty as any others.

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July 17. Hull. 65. Lord Belasyse to Williamson. Sends a letter to Lord [Arlington], giving an occount of the good posture of his government. Asks the public news, and occurrences from Tangiers.

July 17. 66. Frances Bird to Thos. Hayter. Complains that her husband is again pressed, in spite of the discharge granted by Lord Brouncker. Begs that another and more powerful one may be obtained, signed by all the Commissioners, stating the condition that her "husband may be spared till one of the last in the parish that hath as great a charge as he hath to maintain." The other was not obeyed because only signed by two Commissioners. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 17. Royal Charles. 67. Judge Advocate John Fowler to the Navy Comrs. Sends the examination of John Boulter, concerning the 1,000*l.* contingent money committed to the care of the late Captain Walter Wood in 1664. The only other officer capable to speak upon the matter is John Barnard, purser, at present in London. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

67. 1. *Deposition of John Boulter, lieutenant of the Henrietta. Served in the said ship under Prince Rupert, as general of the Guinea fleet, in September* 1664, *with Capt. Walter Wood as commander. Saw a quantity of silver brought on board in a chest when the ship was in the Hope, and carried into the round house of the ship where Capt. Wood lodged. Heard that it amounted to* 1,000*l.*, *but was all in dollars and pieces of eight. Capt. Wood had bags of silver lying loose in his cabin, but knows not whether they came from the chest; borrowed six pieces of eight of Capt. Wood, and afterwards repaid them to John Barnard, purser. Upon the removal of Prince Rupert into the Royal James, the whole fleet returned to Spithead; the Henrietta was ordered into Portsmouth Harbour. Saw the chest caried ashore with Capt. Wood to some house in the dockyard. Knows that Capt. Wood changed some dollars and pieces of eight in the Downs; is not aware that it was for any contingent expense. John Barnard, purser, is best able to speak upon the matter.* [1½ *pages.*] *Royal Charles, July* 17, 1666.

July 17. New Forest. 68. Thos. Eastwood to the Navy Comrs. Carts and teams are at work. Hopes to have all the timber down in a short time. Estimates the charge of carriage, felling, &c. at 1,100*l.* The carters expect their money at the place of loading, according to Act of Parliament. Begs a bill of imprest for 200*l.*, ready money, to satisfy them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 17. Portsmouth Dockyard. 69. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam Pepys. Mr. Tippetts has gone to view the garrison timber. Can get oars made for 24*s.* per 100 feet for ready money. The Constant Warwick has 20 men to spare from her company. Will endeavour to buy hemp, but London bills are such a bugbear that men startle at the sound. Any officer

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of the dockyard acting as mayor of Portsmouth must be more in the town than in the yard. It is not desirable that a final stop should be put to officers being concerned in town affairs, but rather that those not already concerned therein should not become so; the choice of a mayor will fall next month. Has no fear of being chosen himself; though his turn will come round apace. Heard a wise man say "that the King had as good take away the charter from the town, as prohibit his officers from being magistrates." Has received no answer from Southampton about the anchors. Is not sufficiently acquainted with the coast to know the best place for ship building. Good merchant ships have been built at Shoreham, but the Dover found so little water there she could scarcely be got out. Should think Southampton or Gosport more suitable; it will be a difficult thing to get done at this time, because of the distemper. A little money just now would be a great favour. What with Dutch, French, and fire, has been at sad losses lately. Patience is the best remedy in such cases. [*Adm. Paper*, 3½ *pages*.]

July 17. Edinburgh. 70. Pat. Lyell to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of navy stores offered for sale. Begs that money (being a welcome guest) may not be found wanting to complete the bargain. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages*.]

July 18. 71. Receipt by John Ponter, carpenter of the Henry, for four sheathing boards for the use of the John and Thomas. [*Adm. Paper*.]

July 18. Warrant for a grant to the Duke of York of the mansion-house, manor, and park of Holdenby, co. Northampton, now in jointure to the Queen-Mother, containing 1,100 acres, and valued at 1,162*l*. a year, besides the 44*l*. a year given by King James to the incumbent of the parish. [*Ent. Book* 17, *p*. 196.]

July 18. 72. M. De la Fabvollière to Lord [Arlington]. Is in great necessity, and compelled to solicit payment of 125*l*. due to him for arrears of his pay of 100*l*. a year. [*French*.]

July 18. Knighton. 73. Ri. Dillington to Williamson. Sir Hen. Jones, with some gentlemen of the island, has been to view all the shores; they find landing places convenient for an enemy for three miles near the East Foreland, so that whatever bulwarks and lines may be raised, the chiefest strength must be in men, a supply whereof is much wanted should an enemy attack. The country is very ready for its defence, and if commissions were issued to some gentlemen of the island, a volunteer troop of 100 horse, well equipped, might be raised in a week, serve a month at their own charge, and then on half pay as long as the war lasts, provided they were not ordered out of the island. A Dutch ship of 300 tons, taken by the Deptford to the prize office at Cowes, pretends, as all others do, to be an Ostender.

July 18. Lyme. 74. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. The place is in health; some persons who used to keep conventicles and distil poison into the hearts of the simple and weak are sent to gaol.

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July 18. Dover. 75. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. The boat has gone out to get tidings of the enemy; the General's sail is reported to be loose. Two small shallops from Calais have been sent to the Dutch fleet, full of chevaliers and servants; capture of prizes; the plague has broken out at a village near Calais, called Sandgate, also in several fresh houses in Dover, and Deal is in a sad condition.

July 18. Royal Charles. Buoy of the Nore. 76. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King. Hope to sail for the Dutch fleet to-morrow. In order to avoid leaving good ships unmanned and unserviceable, and to get out quickly, have taken the men from 6 fourth-rate, 6 fifth-rate, and 3 sixth-rate vessels. Will stay on this side the Middle Ground to get the whole fleet fitted, and then go through the Narrow Seas in one tide. The Dutch lie with a flag and 16 ships at the Gunway, the rest at the Sledway. Expect they will stand off the French coast to draw the English upon the sands; by standing towards the Dutch coast, hope to draw them to a more convenient place for fighting. Urge that the vessels left be supplied with seamen, to recruit them after the fight.

July 18. Buoy at the Nore. 77. List of 16 ships from which men have been removed for the supply of other ships named.

July 18. Wednesday, 4 P.M. Royal Charles, Buoy of the Nore. 78. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Missed his lordship yesterday, by dining at Mr. Thornhill's, in Kent. The Duke of Albemarle's dispute in Ireland is with Sir Thos. Esmond, and Sir Thos. Clarges will apply to the King to sign a letter in his Grace's behalf; it will import no more than is provided for by the Act of settlement, which reserves all my Lord General's possessions, notwithstanding Sir Thos. Esmond's pretensions. The King has refused Sec Morice's request to sign this letter; begs his lordship to get it done. Everything is ready for sailing to-morrow, each commander fitting his own ship, so that if the wind continue S.W., the guns may be expected to be heard on Friday or Saturday. They will try to keep the Dutch to the leeward. The fire-ships are all provided except one. The Rupert will come out into the Rolling Grounds, and join them when they sail. The most distrustful think they have six to four against the the Dutch; all agree to keep the wind if they once chance to get it, but if the Dutch get it, the manner, if worked, has been so well debated and resolved on by the commanders, that success is expected. The prize brought in by the Little Mary, being unfit for a fire-ship, is sent to Chatham, with her cables and anchors, which were not wanted by the London; the anchors, being on deck, were claimed as prize by the ship's company that took her. [3 *pages.*]

July 18. Whitehall. Reference particularly recommending to the Lord Treasurer the petition of Sir Godfrey Lloyd, for the arrears of 360*l.* due to him as engineer-general of England and Wales, he having quitted the service of the Duke of Brunswick and Luxemburg by command of His Majesty. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 214.]

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July 18. Whitehall. Reference to the Solicitor-General on the petition of Viscount Ogle for confirmation of a grant of the office of Steward and Marshal of the Castle, and President of the town of Nottingham, with all fees, heriots, and other privileges granted to his ancestors by William the Conqueror, under the yearly rent of 40 marks. The King recommends the petition, being willing to gratify a family that has done and suffered so much for the Crown. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 214.]

July 18. Sandwich. 79. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Has been on the water and to Margate, and told Mr. Smith that his care was noticed. He has had two letters from Muddiman, but will prove constant to Williamson. Passed by the fleet, which will sail to-morrow.

July 18. Boston. 80. Rob. Gray to James Hickes. The town is very well, and busy raising volunteers. A Dutch caper drove two colliers ashore near Wainfleet.

July 18. Falmouth. 81. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Does not miss a post in writing to Williamson. The Earl of Bath is so busy settling the militia in Devonshire that he has not time to go to Cornwall, so he has ordered Lord Arundel and the rest of the deputy lieutenants to have a speedy meeting to settle it there.

July 18. Falmouth. 82. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter to Hickes of the 15th instant.

July 18. Pendennis. 83. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Two frigates, supposed to be the King's, have been hovering about the place. Capt. Hall's prize, and another vessel which came in of her own accord pretend to be Ostenders; expects both will prove to be rogues. They have been busy at Pendennis for five weeks, in putting the works in a defensive posture.

July 18. West Cowes. 84. John Lysle to Williamson. The Deptford ketch has brought in a good ship laden with French salt and sugar, pretended for Ostend, but if well managed in the Admiralty Court, thinks it will be a prize. The master says he left at St. Martin's 15 or 16 Hollanders and Swedes, lading salt, &c., for the Northern passage, and 40 French vessels lading salt for the Grande partie, with four men-of-war to convoy them. The Paradox has brought in three wine and brandy prizes. [1½ *pages.*]

July 18. Chester Castle. 85. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. The deputy lieutenants and gentlemen of the county have met, and agreed on Chester, Nantwich, and Northwich as places of repair in case of danger, so that on a very short warning, they will all be gathered together as one man for defence of the kingdom. There is great want of arms, but the country shows much cheerfulness and resolution, and arms as well as may be. The money for Ireland has gone to the water side. Hears nothing but well from Ireland, and the passage is clear from the enemy. Begs that supplies may be sent for the garrison. Major Beversham and Lieut. Faithful Fortescue are sent from Ireland to raise men; they expected to meet orders for the beating of drums; begs that orders may be sent. Is

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blamed for letting Capt. Butler, recommended by Lord Dungannon, have a drum beat for him in Chester.

July 18. Norwich. 86. [Thos. Corie] to Williamson. Asks an answer as to Lord Arlington's opinion about their addressing the King for relief for the poor by collections in London. The plague increases daily; the men of best estates are gone; the poor are tumultuous, and within three weeks, there will be 3,000 out of work.

July 18. Norwich. 87. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Sends a bill of mortality; has no news. *Encloses,*

87. I. *Bill of mortality for Norwich,* 11 *to* 18 *July:*—10 *baptisms;* 85 *deaths,* 65 *of which are of the plague, and* 20 *at the pest-house.*

July 18. 88. Sir Wm. Coventry to Williamson. The Duke of York wishes Lieut. Wise, whose commission was stopped, to be Lieutenant to Sir Edw. Charleton.

July 18. 89. Gilbert Thomas, marshal, to Sir Wm. Coventry. Justice Waimansold of Putney, apprehended his servant, Dan. Higgason, who was bringing six impressed men for the Tower, sent him to gaol, and his brother Thomas to the house of correction, and discharged the men. Begs redress.

July 18. Coventry. 90. Ralph Hope to Williamson. A very violent storm of thunder and lightning has happened, shaking the houses as if by earthquake. At Stoke, a ball of fire came in at the window of Hope, a tailor, killed him and his dog, burnt his wife, and passed through the house, which was much torn, leaving a sulphurous stench behind. The militia horse are drawn out and gone, gallant fellows and cheerful to serve. A troop from Staffordshire and one from Shropshire, well mounted, have also passed through the town.

July 18. Poole. 91. Allen Skutt to Williamson. Several large ships, supposed to be merchant ships, have passed westward. The Drake has come to press men, and taken ten in the town, but time being short, it went no further. There are many seamen in the country who have deserted the ports for fear of the press.

July 18. Custom House, Barnstaple. 92. P. Manaton to Williamson. The militia is to be in arms on Thursday, to have their arms viewed; all begin to put themselves in a posture of defence against invaders, with great cheerfulness. Lord John [Butler], son of the Duke of Ormond, put in at Ilfracombe in the Harp frigate, stayed two or three hours, and then sailed for Dublin. Two Swedish vessels passed for Bristol, laden with wine and salt from France, and two Spaniards from Bilboa, with wool and iron.

July 19. Portsmouth. 93. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. The Constant Warwick, Orange, and Drake sailed westward yesterday.

July 19. Portsmouth. 94. Rob. Mills to Williamson. To the same effect; the plague spreads much in the town.

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July 19. Portsmouth. 95. And. Newport to Williamson. Money is wanted for the fortifications, only 800*l.* remaining in the bank; if the workmen once leave in harvest time, it will be difficult to recover them, or to gain others, because of the sickness, which decreases a little. Begs that Mr. Matthews' grant may pass by immediate warrant; the Lord Privy Seal has taken offence at such proceedings, but he is out of town, and the matter is not worth his knowledge; Matthews' services have deserved ten times greater reward. [2 *pages.*]

July 19. 96. Willm. Miller to Lord Arlington. Was ordered by the Duke of Albemarle to use no one but himself to bring him to the King, which has been his ruin, and Col. Macnachten dealt falsely by him, in pretending his business had been recommended. Defies all the old rebels to prove him disloyal. Will suffer the greatest torment if he do not make it appear that he was the only instrument in the restoration, but is like the poor man who preserved the city and then no one owned him; clothed at his own expense some of the King's men sent to Barbadoes. Begs part of the 110*l* due to him from the resident at the Hague.

July ? 97. [Wm. Miller to Lord Arlington]. Intended to go to the King in Holland, to state his services about the Restoration, but was prevented by General Monk, who afterwards ever promised to introduce him to His Majesty, but always put it off, saying that the King had no money, and he would only get a kiss of the hand, and promising himself to provide for him; declared he would speak with the King, when his lordship said certificates would be wanted; replied that the Duke could certify for him, that he never served him in rebellion, but did so on his embracing His Majesty's interest, on which he said if his counsel were not followed, he would be troubled no more; replied sharply, and one of his agents said he was mad to talk so, as the Duke would have given him an estate of 200*l.* a year in Ireland; was urged to be reconciled to the Duke but would not, and he prejudiced His Majesty against him by means of his enemy the late Sir Thos. Thomson, of Dediston; when in Scotland, was taken up for treason against Cromwell; wrote an anonymous letter to the Council of Scotland thereon, declaring that he was for the house of rogues called the Commons, that had murdered the King and would murder Cromwell, if in power; was allowed to come into England, and hopes to be further instrumental in His Majesty's preservation. [2 *pages.*]

July 19. Northampton. 98. Sir Chas. Wheeler to Williamson. Lieutenants being sent for himself and Col. Egerton, fears the requests for preferring Major Baker and Capt. Manson have been ineffectual; has therefore offered them the place of Quartermasters, apprehending inconvenience if the Northern soldiers should see their officers, of whom they are extremely fond of, quite laid aside; these men being of substantial merit are sure to be preferred; will then fulfil his promise of accepting a quartermaster recommended by Williamson, and also a lieutenant on the next vacancy. With note from Col. Ralph Egerton, begging continuance of the privilege granted him by the Duke of nominating his own cornet and quartermaster.

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July 19. Rushton. 99. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Lord Brien's servant being in haste, has only time to thank him for his letter and warrants; will write more fully on receipt of the other letter.

July 19. Swansea. 100. Jo. Man to Williamson. All are well in those parts; received no letter from him last post.

July 19. Swansea. 101. Jo. Man to Williamson. A French vessel laden with wines, &c., for Holland, taken prize by the Guernsey and Eagle, and manned with ten from each crew, got separated from them in a storm, and was driven into Milford. The officers of prize goods there intend to send her to the Prize Comrs. at Bristol.

July 19. Bridlington. 102. John Bower to James Hickes. The Truelove is come into harbour, and has impressed seamen and soldiers for the fleet; hears that the Pembroke has taken a Holland man-of-war, after a long dispute, and carried her to Newcastle; longs to hear of the English fleet having gone forth.

July 19. Sunderland. 103. Ben. Francis to Williamson. The Fountain frigate is in sight, bravely chasing two Holland men-of-war; hopes she will soon board one, and then the other will hardly escape.

July 19. Plymouth. 104. Da. Grosse to Williamson. Thanks for his readiness to serve him; begs one of the chief clerk's places or other suitable employment in the Post Office, now farmed by Lord Arlington from the Duke of York; will gratefully acknowledge his favours.

July 19. [Lord Arlington] to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower. He is to allow the prisoner Sieur Parent to write such letters or orders as concern his business, which would else much suffer, the letters to be received and perused by Sir John himself. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 219.]

July 19. Warrant to the Earl of Southampton, to permit Lord Holles to receive seven tuns of wine custom free, and to allow defalcations to be made thereon to the Farmers of Customs. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 219.]

July 19. 105. Petition of John Frith to Lord Arlington, for release or removal to the King's Bench. Was committed 12 weeks ago to the custody of John Bradley, messenger, on charge of misdemeanor, as clerk of the Post Office, but has answered the charges. His friends having deserted him, will be ruined by the charges of the messenger.

July 19. 106. Petition of William Carter to the King, for relief and a pension; suffered greatly by serving their late and present Majesties in the wars, since 1643; was one of the regiment of guards under Col. Russell drawn out to sea, and in the last engagement with the Hollanders, a terrible wound broke his jawbone, so that he could only eat spoon meat since; is in St. Thomas's Hospital, Southwark, and is only allowed 4*d.* a day.

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July 19. Weston. 107. Edw. Norreys to Williamson. Is much troubled for the loss on his wife's part; great hopes were placed on that young person, and is more concerned being himself a promoter. Poor Harry is in the Isle of Wight, unable to stir for himself; would use any means to do good for him, but cannot; asks advice thereon.

July 19. Aldborough. 108. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Particulars of vessels off the coast; the Dutch fleet rides more southerly than before. There has been a great storm of hail, some stones two ounces weight and 8 inches about; the corn is much hurt, some towns losing to the value of 1,000*l.*; several fowls were killed flying; the country people report that the stones were as big as a football, and some shaped like ships, some like lions, &c.

July 19. Margate. 109. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch continue their scouts near Margate Road; the English fleet has fallen down to the Shoe, and is weighing anchor; expects they will engage to-day or to-morrow; they have a fair wind.

July 19. Truro. 110. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Thinks his letters miscarry. The post only comes there on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and leaves on Mondays and Thursdays, but it comes to Plymouth three times a week. A Dutch caper finding one Englishman on board a Sweedish or Spanish ship near Scilly, they stripped him naked, bound him to the masts, and whipped him almost to death. It is a great pity that the troops ordered for Scilly are not yet sent over.

July 19. Landguard Fort. 111. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. Sir Thos. Allin has sent word that the English fleet will be with the Dutch to-night. Capt. Utber has been prevented by the wind from getting out of harbour.

July 19. Oxford. 112. Dr. J. Fell to Williamson. Begs him to send the enclosed to Venice, hoping his may prove a safer conveyance than others that he has tried.

July 19. 113. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Sir Phil. Warwick has sent back the warrant for the number of trees, to be increased to 500; the blank is to be filled up with the important words "and his heirs for ever," otherwise it is but a grant for life. Endorsed "Holmenby."

July 19. 114. Shipwrights' demands for building second and third-rate frigates, viz.:—

I. Wm. Yeames, a third-rate at 9*l.* per ton.
II. Rich Boys, a third-rate at 8*l.* 10*s.* per ton.
III. Wm. Castell, a third-rate at 8*l.* 10*s.* per ton.
IV. Wm. Greaves, a third-rate at 8*l.* 10*s.* per ton.
V. Wm. Castell, a second-rate at 12*l.* per ton.
VI. Hen. Johnson, a second-rate at 12*l.* per ton.

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July 19. 115. Account of the numbers of pressed men and soldiers shipped off from the Tower to be sent to the fleet, since June 30, 1666; total 2,751. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 19. Portsmouth Dockyard. 116. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The clerks of the cheque and ropeyard have received their orders. It will not be well to set the carpenters upon extra work, the times being so sickly, and some living at a great distance. The Warwick has been driven back by contrary winds, but again set sail yesterday; hears of some anchors at Southampton. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 19. Royal Charles, Middle Ground. 117. Abraham Parker, muster master, to Thos. Hayter. An engagement is hourly expected. Owing to the absence of pursers, and the want of constant passage from ship to ship, has not been able to get even one book from each, and there is much changing of men, therefore it is impossible, until after the fight, to write and send up perfect reports. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 19. Edinburgh. 118. Pat. Lyell to Thos. Cutler. The enclosed letter to the Commissioners is really true. Begs that he and his father will follow them close for assigning the payment, with large credit, if more should come in. His own credit and his uncle's are engaged for the hemp and clapboard; hopes his bills will be honoured. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*] *Encloses,*

118. I. *Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of a bargain for hemp at 35s. per cwt.; a Newcastle merchant, who brought 5,000l. to spend, wants to buy it at 50s. Begs they will maintain his credit; is engaged for punctual payment at London, and also to send convoy to the North of Scotland. The oak timber is sufficient to build a ship; is promised a quantity of spars and fir. List of the sizes and prices of masts tendered. When satisfied about the credit, will let no bargain escape.* [*3 pages.*]
*Edinburgh, July* 19, 1666.

July 20. Walmer. 119. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. No Dutch scouts nor French shallops have been seen near the coasts the last few days, though formerly they were seen daily. The distemper in Deal much increases; it scarce leaves above one in a family. Mr. Muddiman's correspondent there is dead.

July 20. Plymouth. 120. John Clarke to James Hickes. The Guinea fleet is still there. The Earl of Bath, governor, came in yesterday, welcomed by ringing of bells, sound of cannon, and volleys of shot. The place is in good health.

July 20. 121. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 20. 122. Sir John Marlay to Lord Arlington. The Pembroke has taken a new Holland privateer, well provided; the vessel is brought into Tynemouth haven, and the men sent prisoners to Newcastle.

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July 20. Hull. 123. Luke Whittington to Williamson. The privateer lying off the Humber sent her long boat to Grimsby Road, with 22 armed men, and seized a Burlington small ship laden with timber, and one of Boston laden with coals; the masters and men got on shore. The Pembroke has taken a new Amsterdam privateer, of 100 men and 22 guns, victualled for five months.

July 20. Whitby. 124. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Capture of the Dutch vessel by the Pembroke; she yielded seeing the Diamond coming to assist. There has been a hot alarm through two men-of-war coming to seize two laden colliers, which shrouded themselves close under the guns of the town. The trained bands and towns-men were in arms, ready to help the distressed if a boat had been sent out, but on the first two shots of the battery, the vessels stood off, and the poor men and goods were saved. Has dispatched a messenger to several ships, to give them notice.

July 20. Minehead. 125. John Maurice to James Hickes. The Virginia fleet of 27 sail passed yesterday for Bristol; 30 or more sail went towards London and the south, convoyed by six or seven men-of-war. A Spanish vessel from Bilboa, laden with wool, iron, wines, and fruit, took a pilot for Bristol; she met a Dutch man-of-war off Scilly.

July 20. Bristol. 126. J. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. The townsmen are much pleased that the King has sent a frigate to convey home 100 men of the town taken coming home from Nevis, and carried into Flanders. It is said that the Virginia fleet is disabled from returning from Kinsale, because the seamen have run away into the country, for fear of being pressed. Lord Herbert, lieutenant of Gloucestershire, has had a general rendezvous of the militia horse, in order to send a fourth part to Maidenhead; the whole regiment were in buff coats, carabines and pistols, and each striving to make friends with the lord lieutenant to go on this service. Most of the deputy lieutenants were present, and many gentlemen of the best quality, who expressed great readiness to serve, and offered to raise horse and foot. The Herefordshire horse have marched to Northampton. Thinks this notice should be published for Lord Herbert's credit. He could bring into the field 5,000 foot and the best regiment of horse in England; there have five died of the sickness.

July 20. Custom house, Barnstaple. 127. P. Manaton to Williamson. Two Virginia ships have arrived there; 14 from Virginia, and 13 from Barbadoes have gone up the Bristol Channel; 23 others have sailed southward, under convoy, and five more are left at Kinsale, two of which are wholly discharged.

July 20. Bristol. 128. List of the Virginia ships that came into Bristol port, 19 and 20 July, 19 being laden with tobacco, and four with sugar, indigo, and cotton.

July 20. Dover. 129. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The seamen think that the fleet cannot be got out to the Gunfleet till this noontide; it is the buoy in the Gunfleet, not that in the Nore, which the Dutch have cut away to make the English lose their way. It is thought they have

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got behind the Longsands, on purpose that the fleet may follow them on the Galloper Sands. Hopes with a fair wind soon to send news of a victory.

July 20. Newcastle. 130. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Fountain and Pembroke cruise about the bar, but cannot meet with the two Holland men-of-war they are seeking; there are several on the coast, and one has taken two Ostenders, laden with butter, &c.

July 20. Aldborough. 131. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Dutch have moved south-east and seem not so numerous as formerly; 13 men pressed yesterday in Aldborough were put into the gaol, for security, and the bailiffs set a guard over them; but through corruption or neglect, all but four have run away. Unless some punishment be inflicted, the King's interests will go badly on. The Revenge came from the Nore on purpose to fetch those men. Capt. Holland of the Royal Merchant has not men enough to trim his sails, and cannot go to sea.

July 20. West Horseley. 132. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Williamson. Thanks for his constant gratitude and perfect friendship; is concerned for his promotion, next to that of his own children. Sends thanks to Lord Arlington for his professions of friendship, and his promise to return the books lent when copies have been taken of them; asks expedition; many of the despatches are out of date and not worth transcribing, and it would shorten the work if only those worth it were transcribed. Would like, before he dies, to peruse what passed through his hands during his administration. [1½ *pages.*]

July 20. 133. List of four colonels of foot,—Lord Gerard of Brandon, Earl Rivers, Lord Beaumont, and Sir Baynham Throckmorton.

July 20. 134. List of seven captains of horse,—Lord Morley, Sir Fras. Leake, Sir Hen. Leigh, John Beaumont, Earls of Kent and Thanet, and Lord Lucas. With note that John Lloyd is to be added to the other list.

July 20. 135. List of the officers in the 13 troops of the regiment of horse commanded by Chas. Lord Gerard of Brandon, viz.:

| Captains. | Lieutenants. | Cornets. |
|---|---|---|
| Col. Lord Gerard. | Hen. Corbett. | —— Wrought. |
| Lieut.-Col. Lord Sandys. | Rob. Mason. | Wm. Lovein. |
| Major Roger Whitley. | Chas. Westby. | —— Fraser. |
| Lord Delawarr. | Wm. Napier. | Rob. Wigmore. |
| Sir Rich. Mallinere. | John Metham. | Ralph Stockdale. |
| Sir John Hanmore. | Wm. Morris. | Rob. Davis. |
| Sir Edw. Stradling. | Val. Haward. | Wm. Ferris. |
| Sir Foulk Lucey. | John Smallwood. | —— Aston. |
| —— Beverton. | Peter Mainwaring. | Pierre Beauregard. |
| Sir Rob. Carr. | | |
| Sir John Arderne. | | |
| Sir Hen. O'Neile. | John Lloyd. | |
| —— Lucas. | Wm. Browne. | —— Chamberlain. |

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July 20, Whitehall. Proclamation forbidding the import or sale of foreign blue paper. Charles Hildyard having invented a new mode of making it, and having received a patent for his invention thereof for 14 years, on his promise to supply the kingdom sufficiently and at reasonable rates. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p.* 223.]

[July 20.] 136. Account of particulars, proving the general account given to Lord Arlington, concerning Lord Holles, late extraordinary ambassador to France, as to his demand of 2,201*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* for expenses of transport there and back, printing Sir George Downing's book, prosecuting the suit for the King's jewels, expenses in public rejoicings, messengers and expresses, &c.

July 20. 137. Summary of the above, signed by Lords Arlington and Holles, dated March 20. Endorsed "July 20, 1666."

July 20. Order to the Lord Treasurer, on petitition of Jos. Batailhé, to renew the contract betweeen His Majesty and the petitioner for the allowance of White and Rhenish wine to nobilemen, and to insert therein the name of Wm. Batailhé with that of his father. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 215.]

July 20. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of George Acton, for a grant of the Longload estate for three lives, in consideration of a fine of 220*l.* already paid, and at the old rent of 1*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 215.]

July 20. Pembroke. 138. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Cannot give him satisfaction till next post, this post being a day late.

July 20. Pembroke. 139. Fras Malory to James Hickes. The post from Carmarthen has been a day late; it came in 7 p.m. and left at 11 so that business is obstructed.

July 20. Royal Charles, between the Shoe Beacon and Middle Ground. 140. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. They intended to sail at 6 a.m., but at midnight the wind changed; they have sent an intelligencer who reports that the Dutch are but 90 sail, except hoys, &c., whilst the English fleet, besides 17 fire-ships, will be 91 sail of good fighting ships, after taking the men from several lesser ships, and leaving the vessels behind. Hopes soon to speak with the insolent enemy who has so long braved it on the coasts.

July 20. Royal Charles, two miles from Shoe. 141. Ja. Reade to Williamson. The bravest fleet ever beheld sailed July 19, and anchored below the Shoe, but stayed there, the wind being bad; to save time they are pulling down the cabins, and all faces are full of courage. The enemy lies at the Gunfleet.

July 20. Noon. Royal Charles, entering of the Middle Grounds. 142. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Anchored there yesterday at noon. The wind remained good, S.W. till midnight, but it was not thought well to weigh again so late in the evening, and to-day the wind, being N.N.W., and at best N.W. by N., will not permit it; will be kept there all day, unless it veers two points to the westward. Yesterday all the flag officers were at a council, and some ships of each division were ordered out with fire-ships, to see

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if any good could be done on the enemy in the Gunfleet; Capt. Elliot says they have now got their fleet all in a body, between the Gunfleet and Longsands, and are but 90 sail in all. Wishes the King had seen the fleet under sail yesterday, he would have been infinitely pleased; they took up in length 9 or 10 miles. Was never more pleased with any sight in his life. There is a new air and vigour in every man's countenance, and even the common men cry out, if we do not beat them now, we never shall do it. The cabins are all broken down and the ships clean. George Hamilton has come on board Sir Rob. Holmes' ship, and also Sir Robt. Leach, another volunteer is come with a full persuasion, grounded on many dreams, that he shall kill De Ruyter with his fusee; will undertake that Sir Robert Holmes will bring him near enough to show his skill and fancy. Lord Rochester is also on board Sir Edw. Spragg. The Swedish man-of-war that brought the ambassador, and three or four little merchant ships, will stay with the fleet till the fight begins. A ketch has been sent to Harwich, to order the Rupert to come as the fleet sails by. [2 *pages.*]

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July 21. Saturday, 3 P.M. Royal Charles, entering of the Middle Grounds.

1. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. The Prince and Duke are much obliged for the papers from Holland, giving an account of the Dutch fleet, and the opinion which De Ruyter himself has of our force. All are the more impatient to sail because of the strength which the Dutch hasten to send to De Ruyter, and because of the French King's order to De Beaufort to join the Dutch, though that is not thought to be really intended. At 6 a.m. the anchors were all apeak, but the wind W.N.W., was not strong enough to stem the tide of the flood; it is now W.S.W., but the ebb tide, if they should go out with it, would cast some ships on the sands, which with an ebbing tide would be lost. The generals are most impatient, for the Dutch ever grow in strength, and our men are in better heart now than they will be after two or three nights without their hammocks, for every ship is cleared. The Dutch have no scouts out, but 16 in the Gunfleet as their van. Capt. Elliot in the Revenge, with 11 more frigates and 8 or 9 fire-ships, goes before, and will remove them if they are so hardy as to stay. Thinks the Dutch expect to be beaten, but in the fight so to disable the English fleet as to force it into port to repair, and meantime their East Indiamen and other merchants in the north will return. Has not time to write to Mr. Williamson. If the postmasters fail in their duty, and letters come too late, one should be punished and the rest will amend. Mr. Hayes, the Prince's secretary, has sent a list of the Dutch losses in the last engagement—21 captains and 15 ships; he had it from a Dutchman who formerly served as captain, and it may do well to put it into the Gazette. With the Rupert, there will be only 89 men-of-war, but they are very good ones. [3½ *pages.*]

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July 21. Royal Charles, between the Shoe Beacon and Middle Grounds.

2. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. They have been hoping all day for a wind to carry them to the enemy; commanders and men are in great appetite for an engagement; sees nothing but cheerful minds and watchful bodies; sends an account of the enemy's loss last engagement, which should be communicated to the public, as it takes off their vizard of victory. The fleet is now 88 ships of war and 17 fire-ships; the men have been taken out of 15 smaller vessels and hired ships, to make those which fight more valuable. They have enough ships left to be superior to the enemy; hopes care will be taken to man those that are left, either as auxiliaries, or to pursue a victory, when the other ships may need repairs.

July 21. Downs.

3. S. Jackson to Lord Arlington. It is thought the fleet is engaged, for yesterday at 4 p.m. great shooting was heard, but it ceased towards evening.

July 21. 8 P.M., Dover.

4. [J. Carlisle] to Williamson. His scout has not yet returned from the fleet; writes news daily, and will make it his whole business, till this great work is over. Broadsides were heard to the northward yesterday. Has sharply reprimanded Mr. Dalett's ingratitude and neglect.

July 21. Ipswich.

5. Roger Browne to [Williamson]. Though a stranger to him, will give him, as requested, an account of what passes in those parts. The Dutch fleet of 70 is in the Rolling Grounds, the English anxiously expected; some small boats attempting to land, were prevented by some horsemen and a trumpeter, who came on a sudden alarm; a hail storm has done much damage, the stones were nine inches round; 13 have died of the plague during the week.

July 21. Ipswich.

6. Geo. Gosnell to Williamson. Will willingly send him intelligence, but most of their sea news comes from Harwich, where Williamson has a correspondent. The main body of the Dutch fleet is at the Sledway, and 20 sail at the Gunfleet; they are 107 sail in all. At Harwich 11 ships have come in to wait till the engagement is over; they left the fleet about the Middle Grounds, and expect it to-day. The Hollanders have just fallen into one body, more to the northward, like a half-moon. Comr. Taylor has sent off letters which came for the fleet. The Rupert and a fire-ship fitted at Harwich are riding in the Rolling Grounds; 16 have died of the plague this week.

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7. Petition of Willm. Barker and four others to Lord Chancellor Clarendon. An order of Council was made on the 13th instant, for his lordship to issue a commission for examination of witnesses on their affair; requests his order for the said commission, and copies of the depositions, for the instruction of their counsel. With order thereon by Lord Clarendon, that Col. Vernon having entered a caveat against the said commission, all the parties are to attend his lordship on Monday.

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July 21. 8. List only partially filled up of the officers in the Duke of Richmond's regiment of horse, called the Select Militia, being eight companies, and in the Earl of Northampton's regiment of horse, three companies. Endorsed "July 21." [2 *pages.*] viz.:

| Captains. | Lieutenants. | Cornets. | Quartermasters. |
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| DUKE of RICHMOND. | Sir Paul Smith. | Sir Edw. Stradling. | Col. Miles Morgan. |
| Col. Wheeler. | Col. Wm. Pretty. | —— Wheeler. | |
| Col. Randolph Egerton. | Col. John Barry. | | |
| Sir Tobias Bridges. | | | |
| Sir Walter Vane. | Col. Arnold. | Sir Wm. Throgmorton. | Walter Morgan. |
| Hen. Jermyn. | | | |
| Lord Maynard. | | Wm. Maynard. | |
| Lord Windsor. | | Jas. Thynne. | |
| EARL of NORTHAMPTON. | | | |
| Sir Simon Fanshaw. | | | |
| Sir —— Hayward. | | | |

July 21. Norwich. 9. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. A great increase of the plague is feared this week.

July 21. Weymouth. 10. John Pocock to James Hickes. A small bark from Plymouth reports the coast clear from pickeroons.

July 21. Pembroke. 11. Fra. Malory to Williamson. Is ordered to write weekly, but has nothing to add to his former account of the French prize taken by the Guernsey.

July 21. Pembroke. 12. Fra. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect. The post came in on the 20th at 9 a.m., and leaves to-day at noon.

July 21. Boston. 13. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. The man whose vessel was taken was Thos. Chaplin, of Boston.

July 21. 14. List of eight ships at Newcastle in the week ending July 21.

July 21. Newcastle. 15. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Fountain and Pembroke, with 600 or 700 men on board, are gone southward, and 10 or 12 small colliers plied after them. There have been great shootings to the southward, on the Yorkshire coast, probably an engagement of frigates. The Earl of Carlisle's troop is in great readiness.

July 21. Naworth. 16. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Thanks for his care of the post business. Sir Phil. Frowde promises it shall be settled in the way proposed; till then can give little news from Scotland; the border counties are not the dangerous parts, and from the distant parts where his best intelligencer dwells, they can get news sooner than he. Has his troop complete; was grieved to put off many who offered; the troop might be a regiment in a few days. Has also a regiment of foot in view, of which many would be immediately fit for sea service. Men who fly from the press offer themselves as soldiers. Asks that the King, who ordered him to have this regiment in view, may be acquainted therewith.

July 21. Bridlington. 17. John Bower to James Hickes. Of the 10 men who landed at Sister Churches, 7 were taken to Hull and examined; they were London merchants, coming from Spain or Flanders; the other 3

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were Newcastle seamen, escaped from prison in Holland. They all sailed from Ostend, in a sloop bought by a Scotchman for a privateer. The Blackamoor is sent to give notice to all coal traders on the coast to keep in harbour. The preparations against an enemy move slowly; the country is in much fear, and very destitute of arms. The Dutch privateers are daily in sight, and a vessel laden with timber for repairing the Bridlington piers was taken by a galliot in Grimsby Road.

July 21. Southwold. 18. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. A great storm of hail with thunder and rain has broken the windows very much, and damaged the corn; the hailstones measured were six or seven inches round and perfect ice.

July 21. Lyme. 19. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The place is healthy, and very anxious for the good success of the fleet. Asks if a commission may be had for some persons there to set out a privateer.

July 21. Bridgewater. 20. Willm. Symons to James Hickes. The deputy lieutenants met at Wells to order the forces of the county, which are all in readiness.

July 21. Harwich. 21. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A frigate and a ketch from the Holland fleet came into Aldborough Bay and began a desperate fight, till they saw none would be seduced to come and part them, when they returned to the fleet. The Rupert struck on her way to the Rolling Grounds, but got off, and is waiting the fleet, which is not in sight. The 14 vanguard ships of the Dutch fleet have left the Gunfleet and returned to the rest, most of which have gone off to sea, probably for sea-room to fight.

July 21. 7 P.M., Harwich. 22. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Forwards answers to the letters sent to the fleet. Two Holland ships came sailing from westward to join the rest. The Dutch fleet has not sailed away, but stands off for sea-room. Comr. Taylor is going for the fleet, and thence to London.

July 21. Bristo. 23. Jo. Fitz-Herbert to Williamson. The Virginia and Barbadoes fleet, most of them ships of 200 tons or more, has arrived, convoyed by three men-of-war, and laden with tobacco, sugar, indigo, and a good quantity of beaver; they were in season for the fair, and rejoiced the town, which has lately had such a loss in the Nevis ships, worth 50,000*l*. The fine new ship St. Patrick is fully manned; the captain has been most diligent in fitting her out. Begs the first news of the engagement.

July 21. York. 24. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. The Duke of Buckingham's prudent management has made all sorts of persons in the city and country show the greatest readiness to serve on occasion. He has mustered his troop, which is well equipped, and those who came in hopes to be listed outnumbered those entertained; he dismissed them kindly, with 10*s*. a man for the charge of their journey. It is wondered by his gentlemen that nothing is said of him publicly, so begs that this may be in the next Gazette.

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July 21. Edinburgh. 25. Patrick Lyell to the Navy Comrs. Has no competitor left for the hemp, Wm. Blacket, the Newcastle merchant, late sheriff there, having gone home. Hopes sufficient credit will be given for his drafts; promises they shall not exceed the value of the goods bought; has an offer of plank, knees, &c., but too unreasonable to be entertained. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

July 21. Newcastle. 26. Anthony Isaacson to the Navy Comrs. Hopes Capt. Brabant's answer in his behalf, concerning a supply of anchors, is satisfactory; the Pembroke and Fountain have set sail, with 200 soldiers and 300 pressed men besides their own. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 21. Exchequer, Westminster. 27. Sir Geo. Downing to the Navy Comrs. Has written to his correspondents for lists of the prisoners of war taken in the King's ships; some mistakes must be expected, as many conceal their names or pass for common men, when in reality they are officers; is willing to order a payment of 20*s.* for clothes for each man, but knows not how the money is to be supplied; there are about 2,000 prisoners, and the money will not be disbursed without bills of exchange at sight, which, unless paid at once, will cause a great outcry. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 21. Harwich. 28. Capt. Geo. Liddell to the Navy Comrs. Asks how many men shall be borne upon his ship, which is to be launched on Tuesday; wants an order for victualling her. Hears of several able seamen lying absconded at Ipswich; many of those he brought down from London have been taken away by the Rupert and fire-ship. The Dutch fleet, 104 in number, still rides in their old station. Watkins, the anchorsmith, and a sawyer are dead of the plague. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 21. Dover. 29. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Requests payment of the 626*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* due to the port of Dover; the town "was never so poor this 40 years." Men come begging with tears in their eyes; it makes one's heart ache to see and hear their misery. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22. Plymouth. 30. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships just arrived; three prizes are brought in by the Eagle and Guernsey. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22. Portsmouth Dockyard. 31. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Hopes to be able to provide the number of oars required. Asks his opinion about the officers being concerned in town affairs; shall come to London as soon as the result of the next engagement is known; would not willingly be absent when required at Portsmouth upon pressing occasions. Gosport is certainly the best place for shipbuilding, but men cannot be procured to work, until it please God to mitigate the sickness; the town at present is not so much visited, but at the Point it increases rather than abates; besides which all the builders are poor, and will undertake nothing without ready money. Particulars of cordage tendered; it will not be sold under 46*s.* per cwt. upon bills for London, or 42*s.* per cwt. for money at Portsmouth; men suffer so much by the abatement of their bills;



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a poor bricklayer sold a bill last week at London of 147*l.* 8*s.* to the Lord Mayor or his partner for 107*l.* 10*s.*; if it were possible to remedy this evil, the King's business would not be at the pass it is; "there must be a snake hid in the grass which is not as yet discovered;" is apt to believe that "a good scythe, well sharpened, would cut the grass so short that this serpent might be discovered, if well searched for;" begs pardon for these unhandsome expressions, but cannot help it. Particulars of ships; the Drake has brought in three prizes. [*Adm. Paper*, 3½ *pages.*]

July 22. Sheerness. 32. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Great want of seamen; the few left upon the Oxford and other ships in port are only such as were left behind to be set ashore, being unfit for service; begs that the demand for stores may be satisfied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Jnly 22. Sheerness. 33. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Has acquainted the Board with his desires, but in case they should be engaged on other service, begs that the demand may not be overlooked, and that all vessels sent down with provisions may be directed to call at Sheerness, so that anything wanted may be taken out before they go further. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22. Bristol. 34. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. The Virginian and Barbadoes ships have arrived, and supplied the St. Patrick with 300 able seamen; as for the anchors ordered to be bought, the city only affords one large and four old small ones; Mr. Furzer would be better able to supply anchors; has paid 200*l.* for the masts of the Friezland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22. Kinsale. 35. Nath. Bunch, purser of the Sapphire, to Rich. Gibson, Navy Office. Writes to him, not being acqnainted with any of the Commissioners. Received a warrant last June for victualling the Sapphire for two months, bnt by reason of a private difference between the Farmers of Customs, who demanded customs, and Squire Amory, the victualler, the victuals were seized and kept in the Cnstom House, the ship commanded to sea without necessaries for her voyage, and himself left behind; begs that his case may be presented to the Commissioners as it stands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22. 36. Account of the numbers of soldiers and pressed men shipped off from the Tower to the fleet since June 30; total, 2,861.

July 22. Whitehall. 37. Notes of intelligence [by Williamson] that the whole fleet weighed for the Nore on Thursday, and anchored two miles below the Shoe, hut the generals being anxious to pass them all out at one tide, are obliged to wait for gale enough to stem the tide of flood. All are impatient to engage. The enemy have kept even their own people in the dark about their losses last engagement, but one of their captains has confessed that they have 15 ships and 21 captains missing. [*Printed in the London Gazette, No.* 72.]

July 22. Plymouth. 38. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Advises buying the anchors at 32*s.* per cwt., and the cordage at 48*s.* per cwt. Particulars of ships just arrived, and of the three prizea brought in by the Eagle and Guernsey. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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July 22. Plymouth. 39. D. Grosse to Williamson. The Portsmouth has gone for the fleet, with 100 able seamen. The Guernsey and Eagle have brought in two Amsterdam prizes, laden with deals, &c., and one of St. Malo laden with salt. A Rochelle prize, laden with French wines, was driven by weather into Milford. The Constant Warwick has come in from the East, being ordered for Plymouth station. The Guinea fleet is still there.

July 22. Plymouth. 40. John Clarke to James Hickes. Account of the prizes brought in by the Guernsey and Eagle.

July 22. Plymouth Fort. 41. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Another account of the said prizes, being respectively of 350, 120, and 60 tons burden.

July 22. Dover. 42. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. It is said the engagement will be tomorrow. Four Dutch merchant ships, with letters of marque, took two English merchant ships off Land's End, but used them civilly, taking the ships and goods, and setting the men free, except the masters.

July 22. Harwich. 43. J. Knight, [serjeant-surgeon,] to Williamson. Passed on Saturday by the General, and Dr. Clerke and Mr. Pearse went on board to compliment. Did not go with them, not knowing that the General was satisfied about a certain point, and he had threatened to have him neck-and-heels in a fight with the Dutch, if ever he got him on board. The fleet is sailing from the Shoe beacon; the Dutch wait it with their sails loose, and the engagement may be before noon. Having seen both fleets, Mr. Pearse thinks the English the greater. With a note of compliments from Dr. Tim. Clerke.

July 22. 3 P.M. 44. J. Knight to Williamson. The fleet appears in the Gunfleet; the Dutch are all under sail, standing to sea, keeping close by the wind, which is south by east; Dr. Clerke, Mr. Pearse, and himself are going after them. With the post label appended.

July 22. Portsmouth. 45. Robt. Mills to Williamson. The Drake has brought in a French prize, and the Paradox two Hamburgers and an Ostender, all which are sent to Cowes.

July 22. 46. Robt. Mills to James Hickes. To the same effect.

July 22. Lyssin Lodge. 47. Lord Herbert of Cherbury to Williamson. Hopes he will forward his request made to Lord Arlington. It is no new thing to provide for an extraordinary occasion out of money determined by Parliament for it, and that which is provided should remain as a treasure in ammunition in Ludlow Castle. Longs for September, that he may kiss his hands.

July 22. Falmouth. 48. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The master of a salt prize from St. Martin's, sent in by the Swallow, reports that De Beaufort is still at Lisbon, and intends to return with the fleet that brought over the Queen of Portugal; he says that all ships at St. Martin's,

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whether Swedes, Ostenders, or Hollanders, were pressed to carry salt for the French King. This master pretends to be of Lubec, but told his men he was bound for Dantzic, and now says he was bound for the Downs, there to receive orders. He has a pass from the French general.

July 22. Lathom. 49. Robt. Roper to John Thompson. [The Earl of Derby] appointed a general meeting of the Lancashire gentry at Preston, to put the country into a posture of defence, when it was resolved, with free assent of all, that six volunteer troops should be got ready, under conduct of his lordship and officers nominated by him. There is great harmony between his lordship and the gentry. Thinks this should be in the Gazette.

July 22. Berwick. 50. M. Scott to Williamson. A small boat laden with corn, coming from Scotland to Newcastle, was taken near the Ferne Islands, but the men came ashore. The country is not afraid of rumours of the French and Dutch landing; it is populous enough, and there are young lusty men who, if disciplined and encouraged with pay, would do good service.

July 22. Bristol. 51. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. The Virginia fleet had six or seven men-of-war to guard them, but they met with no enemy in their passage from Ireland; the customs due from them will be upwards of 30,000*l*. The new frigate, St. Patrick, pressed most of the seamen, so that she is fully manned, and there is a good number to spare.

July 22. Hull. 52. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Capt. Peach has convoyed five or six colliers and a small Swedish ship, that have been long waiting in Scarborough, and is going southwards with others. The Blackamoor has passed Burlington Bay for the north, alone.

July 22. Lyme. 53. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. Capt. Alford, the mayor, and a justice went to a place where they had notice of a conventicle, and found a gifted brother holding forth to 40 or 50, chiefly women, of whom they took an account, and now the law is executing upon them at the Town Hall.

July 22. Plymouth. 54. Earl of Bath to [Williamson]. Wants an answer to his two last letters to Lord Arlington. Left the militia of Exeter in good posture, and that of the whole county in a hopeful way, and finds that of Plymouth and the garrison in very good order. Has met Lord Arundel and the Deputy Lieutenants of Cornwall, and they are to meet again to consult. The Cornwall militia is in good condition; saw it well settled when in the county last year. There are three prizes brought in, two laden with deals, beams, spars, &c., very necessary in building the courts of guard and houses for stores, and for the soldiers. Sir Bernard De Gomme, who is there and most industrious about the fortifications, wants an order to the Prize Comrs. to deliver such deals and boards as he requires. [3 *pages*.]

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[July 22.] 55. Account of an additional establishment of four companies of foot, to be added to the Holland regiment under Col. Roht. Sidney; estimated expense, 6,454*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* a year. Signed by the King and Lord Arlington.

July 22. 56. Duplicate of the above, signed by the King, Lord General Albemarle, Lord Treas. Southampton, and Lord Arlington.

July 22. Sunday, 2 P.M., Royal Charles. 57. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Tried this morning to go through the Narrows to the Middle Ground, but the wind slackening, were obliged to anchor; at 1 p.m. a gale rose; hopes it will carry them through; the White will do well enough; hopes the Blue will follow. Thinks the Dutch will draw out half seas over before they fight, therefore it may be Tuesday first. The wind being S.S.E., we cannot weather the enemy, but if it came westerly and but one point northward, would keep it despite of them. [2 *pages.*]

July 23. Monday, 7 A.M. Royal Charles. 58. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord Arlington. Yesterday the whole fleet passed the Narrow and came into the Gunfleet, which was a very great day's work, and unless done in the nick, had not been done at all. The generals were all day on deck and sometimes a little rough with the pilots. The London sails better beyond compare than most of the frigates, draws little water for her bulk, and carries her guns 18 inches higher than the Royal Charles; the whole fleet consider her as good a man-of-war as any in the world. Anchored last night in the Gunfleet; the Dutch, driven from their station, were sailing five leagues off, bearing E. by N. At break of day sailed after them, being then at anchor three leagues off, but they now stand southward, keeping their wind, which is E. by S. The ebb will cease in half an hour; will then come to anchor, and see if the Dutch, who are within four leagues, will be hardy enough to attack us in that narrow place, where they can come to us, but we cannot go to them till next tide. Postscript, 8. a.m., the Rupert is in sight, but cannot come in for wind and tide. The wind has come two points southward, so that we shall not anchor but recover the wind. Dr. Troutbeck sends service, and promises to take great care of him (the writer), but he hopes not to fall into his hands. [3 *pages.*]

July 23. Lichfield. 59. Shar. Talbot to James Hickes. Thanks for the Gazettes. Will send him some baked venison by the Newcastle-under-Lyne carrier. Capt. Yarrington, of Worcestershire, as violent a villain against the King as any in those parts, is known to have been on board most of the English fleet, before the last engagement.

July 23. 60. Memorandum [by Williamson] for Capt. Reeves, of the Panther, who has letters of marque against the French and Dutch, to be discharged of the caution; headed Lieut. Izard.

July 23. Dover. 61. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. Hears that the scout is at Margate; is going to see what he does there, for his orders were not to put into any harbour unless forced.

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July 23. Lynn. 62. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The militia is well settled, and the place very healthful, but a maid from Norwich, who got into the town without knowledge of the watch, having fallen sick, the house is shut up.

July 23. West Cowes. 63. John Lysle to Williamson. The Drake, under Capt. Thos. Harwood, has brought in three prizes; the first, a French one, was run ashore near Cape de Hogue; the men forsaking her, brought down horse and foot to rescue her, but the Drake plying guns and blunderbusses, they retreated, and the vessel was brought into port. The second, laden with French wines, brandy, &c., pretends to be bound for Ostend, and the third for Nieuport. De Beaufort, with his fleet of 40 sail, is expected at St. Martin's, but the French have little stomach to engage, because the King of Spain is stirring to have 30 good ships at sea. Three lusty well-armed companies from Berkshire have arrived, under Major Peacock, and more are expected, which puts such resolution into the islanders that men, women, and children will fight for King and country. The St. John of Bayonne prize and 50 tuns of French wines are to be sold at the Prize Office, East Cowes, on the 31st. [2 *pages.*]

July 23. Swansea. 64. Jo. Man to Williamson. News from Barbadoes and St. Christopher's. The master of a Swansea vessel, just arrived from Barbadoes, met the Sapphire and Forester off Cape Clear, and came with them. The Sapphire damaged a Flushinger called the Stump Nose, that had done much mischief in those parts, and took two Holland merchant ships; she then convoyed a vessel to Kinsale, and returned thence with the Virginia fleet, parting with them near the Isle of Lundy.

July 23. Yarmouth. 65. Tho. Constantine to Williamson. The Speedwell and three small ketches laden with men have sailed for the fleet. The Richmond is in the road, supposed to be waiting for orders. There are 700 spare men in the ships.

July 23. Truro. 66. Hugh Acland to Williamson. There are 30 sail of the Virginia fleet reported to be before Falmouth harbour.

July 23. Weymouth. 67. John Pocock to Jas. Hickes. Thanks for his kindness to Mr. Stone, the postmaster; has no news.

July 23. Chester Castle. 68. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. The letter enclosed is to a prisoner confined in the castle for his fanatic humour. It is full of dubious expressions, under the terms Jews, Turks, &c. The person says it is all literal, and plainly expressed. He says the Jonathan Broom named lives in Threadneedle Street, near the Post Office, and the Thos. Chappel in Gravel Lane. He will not say who the David is that escaped the great press. Asks directions.

July 23. Norwich. 69. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. The city news is very sad; all the chief citizens are gone out of town; a great increase is feared in this week's bill of mortality; last week only one died in St. Julian's parish, and since then upwards of 60.

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July 23. 70. "A note of such places as are thought requisite to be considered of if the enemy should attempt to land near the town of Christ Church by the opinion of the seamen in those parts;" viz., Lowlands, Bascombe, Bournmouth, and Hynsebury, with descriptions of the facilities they respectively afford; the only defence for the said places is 100 men under Wm. Barrow. Endorsed "To be communicated to Sir Godfrey Flood."

July 23. Whitehall. Reference on the petition of M. De Villepord, to the Duke of York, against Capt. Saunders,—who took his ship, notwithstanding his pass as one of those that brought over Lord Holles. The Duke is to order restitution and damages, if the captain prove guilty of disobeying His Majesty's passes. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 215.]

July 23. Warrant to Lewis Dormay to apprehend George Wither, Hen. Eversden, Sarah Anderton, Eliz. Goslin, and Marg. Hickes, for dispensing a seditious pamphlet, entitled "Sighs for the Pitchers." Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 220.]

July 23. Similar warrant to apprehend Robert Boulter, —— Fish, and —— Hughes, for dispersing the above pamphlet. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 220.]

July 23. Warrant to Bradley or Dixon to bring up —— Farro, postmaster of Beckles, co. Suffolk. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 220.]

July 23. Pendennis. 71. Fras. Bellot to Williamson. Lord Arundel and the other deputy lieutenants met at Bodmin and so settled affairs that on any invasion there will be a full and noble appearance; 24 or 25 sail of ships were seen yesterday from the castle, supposed to be the Virginia vessels from Kinsale, and two or three frigates. The Swallow has taken a prize which pretends to be from Lubec.

July 23. Royal Charles, Sledway. 72. Prince Rupert to the King. Will neglect nothing to show his zeal for the service. The little shallop is come from Harwich, and is christened Fanfan. The Rupert is at anchor. The additional orders show his anxiety to follow instructions. *Encloses,*

72. I. *Additional fighting instructions; being orders for forming the line of battle, in case of attack or defence, and in different conditions of the wind. The commanders are forbidden, on pain of death, to fire over any of their own ships.* *July* 18, 1666.

July 23. Royal Charles, Sledway. 73. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the King. The wind is S.S.E; the Dutch fleet bears N.E and by E., three leagues distant from their van. Will soon be at them if the wind stand, unless they run on to the Dutch coast. Beg that the ships left behind may be manned and sent to the Rolling Grounds, also the victualling ships.

July 23. Southwold. 74. Willm. Waynfleet to Williamson. Capt. Kempthorne, of the Richmond, wants to know when the Dutch fleet are off the coast; he has 300 men aboard, and four other vessels have men for the fleet. Advised him to beat up southward, keeping a scout, and

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promised to fire a broom faggot to recall him in case of danger; will give notice thereof at Yarmouth and Lowestoft; 30 or 40 guns have been heard, one or two at a time, and a great fleet is seen lying nigh the wind, which is east by south; thinks it is the English fleet, and some say there is another fleet two leagues further, which is the Dutch; the wind being as it was, thinks the Dutch would not engage near our coasts, because their lamed ships could not have got home without much danger. Is trying to send some seamen who were waiting a convoy on board, but the wind is boisterous. With postscript, July 24, 7 a.m., that the fleet anchored that morning south-east of the town; they are now mostly under sail, five leagues off. A ketch has gone into the Roads, probably to call away the vessels there; has sent one boatful of men, and the rest are ready to go.

July 23. 75. List by Griffith Jones, purser, of 67 soldiers entered on board the Turkey Merchant, since May 18. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 23. Coupill. 76. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Should have employed more men had there been timber to work upon. Complains of the Justices dispersing their warrants so far about the country, and joining two or three parishes together, to hale a load of timber; the ship would have been with the fleet by this time but for want of land carriage of timber. Does not advise building a third-rate ship at Bristol, on account of the danger of bringing her down the river, but at Crockham Pill. Sends an account of the iron-ware put on board the Friezland. Wants money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 24. Victualling Office. 77. Certificate by Thos. Lewis of petty warrant accounts cleared by Wm. Crow, purser of the London Merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 24. Golden Hand, Harwich. 78. Capt. Hab. Wiles to the Navy Comrs. Begs an order for victualling and repairing his ship before setting sail for Gottenburg; the voyage sometimes takes months, and they will be in a cold strange country in winter; the extreme weather has so shrunk the deck, &c., that the ship requires calking. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 24. Portsmouth Dockyard. 79. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is much troubled at the condition of the poor men shut up in infected houses. The Drake is about to sail with 120 men for the ships in the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

79. I. *Note by Comr. Middleton that Mr. Eastwood is willing to undertake the building of a third-rate ship.*

July 24. 80. Note by Wm. Sheldon of the arrival of the Loyal Subject at Greenhithe, June 7, and of her last muster taken at Woolwich, July 24, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 24. Plymouth. 81 John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. About 24 vessels have arrived. Has supplied small stores to the men-of-war, and sails to the Sapphire. Repairs needed for the Milford and Success. [*Adm. Papers.*]

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July 24. 82. Certificate by Ralph Snow, treasurer [to the Archbishop of Canterbury,] that F. Sonius, a servant, has leave to go into Holland, his own country, during his Grace's absence from Lambeth.

July 24. Whitehall. 83. Warrant for a grant to Jas. Carlisle, [of Dover,] servant of the Duke of York, of arrears of first fruits and tenths, due by Sir Hen. Knollys, Bart., late receiver thereof, before 1st Jan. 1643, and still concealed and unaccounted for, with power to recover the same, but not to compound for the arrears, he paying a moiety thereof into the Exchequer.

July 24. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 221.]

July 24. Hearth Office. 84. Sam. Hartlib to Williamson. Begs dispatch to Williamson's brother of a packet of commissions for swearing in his deputies. Is preparing instructions and other papers for him.

July 24. Margate. 85. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The fleet sailed on Sunday, and has gone northward. Thanks him for speaking to the Commissioners for sick and wounded on his behalf. Col. Titus is at Margate, as the Dutch are hovering on the coast.

July 24. Harwich. 86. Fra. Newby to James Hickes. The Dutch fleet left their station, and stood out to sea on approach of the English, who went to sea after them at 10 o'clock.

July 24. Aldborough, 5 A.M. 87. Rich. Brown to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival of the fleet, and departure of the Dutch. Has hired a small vessel to attend the fleet and give intelligence. Has sent intelligence to Sir Thos. Meadowes of Yarmouth, knowing that there are there men-of-war with 800 recruits for the fleet. It was a stormy night.

July 24. Newcastle. 88. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sir Edw. Carleton brought in for muster 100 stout young men, who enlisted under him to serve in the Duke of York's foot regiment; but the muster master not coming, Sir Edward gave them money to procure themselves quarters. An Ostender, who was taken and kept three days on De Ruyter's ship, says there are 99 men-of-war and 60 smaller ships riding at the Gunfleet, and that on Sunday, he heard shooting from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; it is thought to be the Pembroke and Fountain engaging some Holland ships. A Hamburger has also come in, plundered by a Holland pickeroon.

July 24. 89. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. The Duke of York wants commissions for Lieut. Wray to be lieutenant to Capt. Loe, and Lieut. Thos. Muckton lieutenant to Lord Windsor's troop in his regiment.

July 24. Portsmouth. 90. Robt. Mills to Williamson. The Orange has brought in a supposed prize. The Drake is sailing with 120 men for the fleet.

July 24. 91. Robert Mills to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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July 24. Harwich. 92. Silas Taylor to Williamson. On Saturday [the 20th], the Dutch fleet stood off to Bardsey Sands, but sent back six ships to the Gunfleet on the 21st; 20 ships have joined them from the north, either recruits or victuallers, or a party they had sent out. On the 22nd, the six Gunfleet ships perceiving the English fleet, hastened back to theirs. The fleet appeared at the point of the Naze, and 100 were counted, who came to anchor. Rose at sunrise the 23rd, to see the Dutch fleet better; they were above 100, and seemed to be under sail. At 4 a.m. the English fleet sailed cheerfully, beating drums, and stood towards the King's Channel and Sledway. Was long in sending to the fleet a dispatch from Lord Arlington to the General, received at 7 a.m., because of the ill-conduct of a wherry master, who deserves a check. At 3 p.m. the fleet cleared itself of victuallers, and stood after the Dutch by Longsand Head, laying close to the wind, which was easterly. The Dutch stood southerly till both were lost sight of. The Earl of Oxford has been in town. There has been last night and to-day a notable storm of thunder and rain. The fleet is near Orford Ness. Will steward Williamson's charity to the best advantage. [2 *pages.*]

July 24. Harwich, 9 P.M. 93. Silas Taylor to Williamson. At 2 p.m. the fleet was three or four leagues off Orford-Ness, the Dutch tending southerly in obedience to the wind, which was east and north-east, and also to get clear of the Sands. In last night's storm, the Jersey's masts suffered through a thunderbolt, and a fire-ship was injured; both have come in to Harwich to be re-fitted. They report the fleet in good condition, pressing hard to get after the Dutch, who were out of sight, but two vessels were sent to observe their motions.

July 24. Languard Fort. 94. Lieutenant Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. On arrival of the English fleet, the Dutch stood out to sea; they came within five or six leagues, but could not engage the next day, because of the high winds. They will engage to-day unless the Dutch run away, which they are likely to do, for never was a braver fleet seen at sea than the English, of 100 sail of frigates and 25 fire-ships. The Rupert has sailed from the Rolling Grounds, bravely manned, as is the whole fleet, the soldiers going with great cheerfulness.

July 24. Plymouth Fort. 95. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Barbadoes and Virginia fleets have arrived from Kinsale,—26 sail. Six frigates are going westward to look for and secure the East India fleet. Another frigate is bound eastward, with two Malaga and some Barbadoes ships; one will have to go to Portsmouth for repairs, there not being a mast at Plymouth large enough.

July 24. Plymouth. 96. John Clarke to Williamson. Arrival of the Virginia fleet. The Constant Warwick is come from Portsmouth to take in pressed men. The Guinea fleet and three Malaga ships are still there.

July 24. 97. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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July 24. Plymouth. 98. Da. Grosse to Williamson. Arrival of the Virginia fleet. The Constant Warwick, Guernsey, and Eagle are bound for the western station. Sends no account of Guiland, as the packet sent express from Tangiers will tell more than could be gathered from seamen's reports.

July 24. Custom House, Barnstaple. 99. P. Manaton to James Hickes. Sends the best information he can on his enquiry, having obtained it from the man who receives the letters there.

July 24. Pass for Peter Borne to go to Delft, in Holland. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 220.]

July 24. Warrant for a corroboration to Daniel Cudmere of the rectory of Holdsworthy, co. Devon. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 220.]

[July 24.] 100. Grant to Thos. Elliot, groom of the bedchamber, and Thos. Ross, groom of the privy chamber, of lands, &c., in St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, escheated to the Crown by the death of —— Baker, late of Piccadilly, without issue male.

July 24. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 221.]

July 24. Grant of the Post Office to Lord Arlington for ten years, on expiration of Dan. O'Neale's term. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 221.]

July 24. Grant to John and Leonard Grey, children of the Earl of Stamford, of Armtree and Wildmore Fen, according to former interests therein. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 221.]

July 24. Grant of confirmation of the charters and privileges of the Company of Dyers of London, with some alterations and additions. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 221.]

July 24. Grant of 300*l.* a year to Thomas Whitgrove, out of cos. Oxon and Berks, or in default thereof, out of the Exchequer. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 221.]

July 24. Grant to William Chiffinch of 200*l.* a year for life. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 221.]

[July 24.] Warrant to Lady Chesterfield to pay to P. Stanney 30*l.* 10*s.* Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 222.]

July 25. Boston. 101. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. The Truelove frigate, bringing in 150 pressed men into Boston Deeps, and having her guns drawn in, was attacked by a French sloop that had taken several vessels on that shore; on the frigate's firing a gun or two, the sloop drew off, seeing what she was, and struck sail, bearing over the Longsand, where the frigate could not follow for want of water. The captain is hastening to the fleet. Guns have been heard by most of the town from the south-east.

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July 25. Petworth. 102. Dr. Ri. Rawlinson to Williamson. Thanks for his weekly favours; will remind another person to be mindful of him. Asks how to send him half a buck, which he has begged for him from Lord Percy.

July 25. Lynn. 103. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The shipmasters in the town were ready armed, by consent of the mayor and Major Anguish, to go in the Customers' hoy to seize a French sloop in the Channel, but Mr. Perkins, Custom House surveyor, ordered them out, and threatened them with a pursuivant, thus preventing the service.

July 25. Weymouth. 104. John Pocock to James Hickes. Twelve great ships, thought to be part of the Flemish fleet, passed to the eastward of Portland.

July 25. Hull. 105. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Several colliers, with the Blackamoor, have come in, but there are none about the Humber mouth. Two Swedish vessels will sail the first fair wind.

July 25. Falmouth. 106. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Capts. Manning and Hall have taken a wine and a salt prize. At Canbrane, 10 miles off, there was a barn 60 feet long burned down by lightning on the 17th, and some hogs, sheep, and bullocks killed in parishes near.

July 25. Falmouth. 107. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter to Hickes of the 22d inst.

July 25. Swansea. 108. Jo. Man to James Hickes. Is leaving for two or three days, but another in his name will send any news that offers.

July 25. Swansea. 109. Jo. Man to Williamson. The country is well and in good condition to repel the enemy. A sturgeon, 9 feet long and very thick, was caught near the town.

July 25. Brecknock. 110. Tim. Halton to Williamson. The Provost said Williamson had no right to Dr. Rawlinson's chamber when void; he might have the name of it, but not the disposal nor the rent. Asked Mr. Dalton for the rent of Williamson's chamber for two years past, but he said none was expected, for he was bid to use the chamber as freely as if it were his own. Has paid almost 10*l.* for bottles for Williamson and his man.

July 25. West Cowes. 111. John Lysle to Williamson. The Orange has taken a salt prize. Wishes some of the King's ships may meet with 120 salt vessels, laden at Rochelle and bound for Havre de Grace, 42 of which are great Dutch fly-boats; they are expected to come through the Channel, with only a ship of 26 guns and one of 30 to convoy them. The Hawk has brought in a prize of French and Spanish wines, the Spanish probably taken from some English ship; 26 French barks are taken up to carry provisions to de Beaufort, who is expected at the Isle of Boulogne, returning from Lisbon. In the Isle of Wight the people prepare, and question not but by degrees they shall be able to resist any invader.

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July 25. Whitehall. 112. Order in Council that the Secretaries of State and Masters of Requests are henceforward to bestow no almsmen's places in the King's donation, except on those maimed in his service at sea, until all seamen and soldiers maimed in the present war be provided for.

July 25. 113. Willm. Garbett to Sir Philip Frowde. Gave his letter to Lord Cornbury; the porter's name is John Taylor; he lives at Chequer Alley, Westminster; the chairman's name is David ——, he will be found about Whitehall; describes his dress and appearance; he has six partners, who take up letters at gentlemen's houses; they have robbed the Countess of 5*l*. The Queen will be at Whitehall Tuesday se'nnight. Hopes something will be done with that fellow, for they abused the writer when he gave them warning, and pulled down the bills they had set up about the court. Endorsed [by Williamson] "Two porters at the gate at Tunbridge."

July 25. 114. "Advices," being notes [by Williamson] from letters calendared in their respective places, July 21–24.

July 25. 115. Lord Cullen to Williamson. Will try to execute the King's orders; could have done it had they come sooner; met the man in his own town, when going to the north, but was unwilling to secure him, having taken him several times, and he was always got off from above, and then he laughed and said he had better friends above who would fetch him off in despite of them. Had no comfort therefore in acting vigorously.

July 25. Lyme. 116. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. An express from Plymouth tells the arrival of two or three of their Virginia and Barbadoes ships. The quantity of fish is so great that 60 as big as herrings are sold for a penny.

July 25. Norwich. 117. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. No news is stirring at present.

July 25. Whitehall. 118. Report by Lords Arlington and Holles, and Sir John Berkeley on petition of Warham Jennet, that 100*l*. should be allowed him out of the French goods value 200*l*. or 300*l* in the Milkmaid, condemned as forfeit because brought in a privateer who had commissions against the Dutch only; 200*l*. damage is awarded against the taker, for whom the petitioner is security, for detaining the ship too long.

July? 119. Petition of Captain Francis Bromwich to the King, for discharge from the eleven months' imprisonment, of which three are passed, to which he is condemned, being convicted of manslaughter, for being present at the quarrel between Lord Morley and Mr. Hastings, wherein the latter was slain. Is very anxious to serve His Majesty in the wars.

July 25. Whitehall. 120. Petition of Capt. Fras. Bromwich, prisoner, to the King, for change of his sentence to any condition in which he may show his

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zeal and loyalty; was sentenced to eleven months' imprisonment, of which three are past, and to find security for good behaviour during his life, only for being present when Mr. Hastings was slain by Lord Morley. With reference thereon to the Solicitor General, and his report, August 22, suggesting a warrant to Sir John Lenthall to let the petitioner go abroad, and at the end of eleven months, he is to return and be discharged by the judges in court.

July 25. Entry of the above reference, naming the petitioner as Hen. Bromwich. [*Ent. Book* 18, *p.* 216.]

July 25. Whitehall. 121. Order in Council that Col. Edw. Vernon may, at his request, have six weeks allowed to get instructions from Ireland, relative to the claim of William Barker and others to forfeited Irish lands purchased by them from Sir Thos. Cunningham and Lewis Dike, during which time the commission for examination of witnesses thereon is to be respited, which six weeks are not to be reckoned in the time granted to Barker and others to prove the payment of the 7,000*l.* adventure money, for non payment of which the lands are now vested in the Crown.

July 25. Margate. 122. Sir Anth. Desmarces to [Williamson]. Refers to his letter to Lord Arlington to give the reason of his being there. Takes care of the boy as though he were his own child. Has heard nothing of Mr. Mercer, but hopes to meet him over the sea, though the wind is not favourable.

July 25. Margate. 123. Sir Ant. Desmarces to Lord Arlington. Came hither about the horses sent by his lordship for the Marquis of Castel Rodrigo; they were not allowed to be shipped for want of the pass, which was left at Gravesend by Sir Marco Ognate; difficulties in obtaining leave to ship the horses; succeeded by aid of Lord Middleton in persuading the Farmers of Customs to let them be shipped, as the whole Flanders fleet was waiting. The English fleet has gone northward, but there is no news of the enemies' fleet. [2½ *pages.*]

July 25. 124. Account of the fleet under Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, as they engaged, giving the names of the ships, captains, men, and guns in the several squadrons and divisions. [4 *pages.*]

July 26. Portsmouth Dockyard. 125. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. The mast ship shall have quick dispatch. Will inform the officers of the yard of the opinion of the Board concerning town affairs. Hears nothing from the oar makers; ready money will fetch in 200 dozen as soon as the harvest is over. Particulars of cordage and timber tendered. The Portsmouth ketch has set sail with 80 men for the fleet. [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

July 26. Dover. 126. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Acknowledges an imprest bill for 200*l.*; promises dispatch in the repairs of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 26. Commission for Robt. Lord Mandeville to be Captain of a troop of horse in the Duke of Monmouth's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 127.]

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July 26. Walmer. 127. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Will send an express when needful; the country folks being at harvest, letters are uncertain. Whole broadsides are heard as though the fleets were engaged; 40 sail of Ostenders from London were seen off North Foreland. At least 400 have died in Deal in five weeks.

July 26. St. James's. 128. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. The embargo laid on the Dover packet-boat has caused the detention there of a vessel freighted with Dutch prisoners, who are growing sick. Begs favour for them, if a passage be opened to the packet-boat.

July 26. Westminster. 129. Brief desiring all ministers to make collections in their respective congregations, all churchwardens, &c., helping them, in behalf of Ellen, widow of Timothy Collins, merchant, and Katherine, wife of Thos. Power, of the Isle of Speike, co. Cork, who in returning from the West Indies with goods value 1,500*l.*, 26 March last, were attacked by two Holland privateers, Collins slain, and Power taken prisoner to Amsterdam. The said gentlewomen having further lost by fire goods worth 1,300*l.*, came to London to petition King and Council for redress, which was granted. Endorsed "A forged brief." [*Copy.*]

July 26. Dover. 130. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. Has opened the letters in absence of Mr. Carlisle, who is either at Margate or on board the advice boat, seeing after the fleet that he may write with certainty. It is reported that there was an engagement on Monday. The sickness remains a little there, and is very hot at Deal.

July 26. Languard Point Fort. 131. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. Great guns went off very fast at a great distance this morning, for a quarter of an hour. On Tuesday the Dutch fleet anchored off the Galloper Sands, and the English within five leagues of them, the generals resolving to get them from that place before they engage.

July 26. 132. Statement that on July 26, Robt. Peyton, major of the Blue regiment, under the Earl of Craven, reviled the King, Lord Arlington, and all the lords and courtiers, and said it would be seen what would become of them before a year. He said those who advised the King to divide the Prince's squadron from Lord Monk's did it on purpose to destroy the life of Monk, whom they all hate. Peyton threatened to kill a gentleman who said he would report him unless he would confess that he was drunk.

July 26. 133. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. The Duke of York wants a commission for Lieut. Knottisford to be lieutenant to Sir Tobias Bridges.

July 26. 134. P. M. G., Father Patrick [Macguire] to Williamson. Will answer his two letters in one, and treat him after no ordinary manner, seeing he casts himself into his hands. Begs the first news of the success of the fleet. Though Lady Arlington is so kindly received there, she is impatient to be with her dear lord, and will be with him on Saturday. Begs him to forward the enclosed. [2 *pages.*]

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July 26. Truro. 135. Hugh Acland to James Hickes. The deputy lieutenants are busy settling the militia, and some gone to Plymouth for orders from the Earl of Bath, the country generally showing great readiness to engage with the enemy. Capt. Manning has brought in two prizes.

July 26. Harwich. 136. Fras. Newby to Jas. Hickes. There is a flying report that the fleets are engaged, and thatguns were heard at Languard Point.

July 26. Deal Castle Admiral, Downs. 137. S. Jackson to Williamson. Great shooting was heard all day yesterday, and it was renewed at three this morning, but now nothing is heard. Thinks the fleets have engaged, and the Dutch have run.

July 26. 138. S. Jackson to Lord Arlington. To the same effect.

July 26. Southwold. 139. Wm. Waynfleet to Williamson. On the 24th several vessels went towards the fleet, and some pressed men, but returned lest it should be the Dutch fleet. The bailiffs of Yarmouth sent word that the Pembroke and Fountain were ready to sail, and requested three guns to be fired as they passed Aldborough, if the fleet was thought to be the English, and there was no danger; fired them accordingly. Particulars of other vessels seen. Hopes the ketch he has sent to the fleet will soon return, and will then send an express.

July 26. Southwold. 140. W. Waynfleet to [Williamson]. At 9 a.m., 26 sail of the Blue squadron were with 24 of the Dutch, wind N.E. At 10 last night one ship was blown up, and another at 1 in the morning. The admiral of the Zealanders is supposed, by the striking of the flag, to be killed. The officers of the Blue were well, but the Resolution was burned by an English and Dutch fire-ship together, whilst interposing between a fire-ship and the rear-admiral of the Blue; seven ships were seen going to the fleet, supposed to carry 1,000 men from Yarmouth Roads; 80 are said to be killed and wounded in the Victory, and as many in the Vanguard. [*Copy.*]

July 26. Harwich. 2 A.M. 141. Silas Taylor to [Williamson]. Capt. Talbot, of the Elizabeth, which has come in maimed, reports that the fight began 11 a.m. of the 25th, led on by the White, who made the van of the enemy bear away, as did the Red with the part of the fleet opposed to them; the Blue, which was the weakest, fell in with the Flushing squadron, the enemy's strongest, and could not make them retreat, because being heavy sailers, some of them were long before they could fall into line, so that the headmost had very hot service. The dispute lasted as long as they could see to fire; four of the enemy's ships were seen on fire, and the Resolution was fired, being much disabled before. To-day they began again between six and seven, and the guns ceased at nine, but the issue is not known. Hopes well because the Dutch seemed, by the sound of the guns, to be going further from the coast. The Admiral of Zealand, with his fire-ship, burnt the Resolution, though the rear-admiral of the Blue tried to save her. The Blue could not make the enemy bear up, and at

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1666. 6 p.m. was standing northward, with the Flushing fleet, the rest of the fleets southward; this morning the Blue is seen southward, engaging the enemy. [1½ *pages.*]

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1666. July 27? 1. Details of the engagement between the English and Dutch fleet, and the proceedings of the English from 4 a.m., July 25, to 5 p.m. July 26. [3 *pages.*]

July 27. Royal Charles. 2. Sir Thos. Clifford to Lord [Arlington]. Anchored on the 23rd at Orford-Ness, the enemy five leagues distant. A violent storm came on at night, the Jersey had her mainmast split by lightning, and was sent back to Sheerness to repair, and Mr. Digby with her, though he entreated to stay on the Royal Charles as volunteer; most of her men were taken out to supply the wants of the fleet; during the 24th both fleets tried to get ahead, whereby the English were scattered and several ships damaged, but the enemy made no attack. On the 25th, the White squadron began the attack by 10 a.m., the Red by 11, and the Blue by 12; the Resolution was boarded by a fire-ship and burnt, but most of the men saved. The Royal Charles twice engaged De Ruyter's ship, and he gave way the second time, but she was much disabled; at 4, De Ruyter began to run, but with great gallantry endangered himself to fetch off his main ships; the van of their fleet and soon the whole fleet gave way, the Red and White squadrons pursued, Tromp still engaging the Blue; the Royal James took two of their new ships. The 26th, Prince Rupert in revenge sent the little sloop Fan-fan, made for him last week at Harwich, to row to De Ruyter's, and with her two little guns, ply him for an hour with broadsides, to the amusement of the English, and indignation of the Dutch to see their admiral so chased; the Dutch now got so near the banks that the English ships could not follow, and escaped into the Darlow Channel off Zealand; De Ruyter's ship was much battered in the chase. At 2 a.m., the wind veered N.E. Details of efforts made on the 26th and 27th to get within reach of the Dutch vessels; was separated with three other ships from the main fleet, and if Tromp had had any courage, he would have attacked them, and though alone, they would not in honour have turned from a baffled party; but by degrees Sir Jeremy Smith and the other frigates joined them. The wind favouring, the rest of the Dutch fleet escaped into the Weylings. The fleet intends to keep the sea 12 leagues from the Texel, if it can be supplied with the necessaries required. Seymour, the brave commander of the Foresight, was the only captain killed. The two ships taken by Sir Thos. Allin were burned, that his ships might not be unmanned to keep them on. The prisoners from Vice-Admiral Banckarts' ship, 290, of whom 140 were landsmen, confess that for want of seamen,



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the whole fleet was forced to take a large proportion of landmen; 100 from this ship had been killed or wounded. Account of ships and prisoners taken: they had 90 men-of-war and 17 fire-ships; the same number as the English, and the common men were confident of victory. [*Copy*, 6½ *pages*.]

July ? 3. Verses by I. S. in honour of the ship Fan-fan, which routed Van Tromp and the Belgic navy.

July 27. Royal Charles, against Scowen Island. 4. Ja. Hayes to Williamson. Will say nothing of the late action, because Sir Thos. Clifford being sent to the King and Duke of York, and being an eye witness of everything, can can give a better account.

July 27. Royal James. 5. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The engagement began the 25th, 9 a.m. His squadron led the van and began the dispute with the enemy's van, the generals with their main, and the Blue with the rear. After five hours' fighting, about 3 p.m., the Dutch began to run. Took two ships in the chase, one commanded by the Vice-admiral of Zealand, but he escaped into another ship. After taking out the prisoners, fired the ships, not having men to man them. The generals sunk two ships. Was in chase all night, and at 4 a.m., bearing up to De Ruyter, was wounded by splinters in the arm, and his face torn almost from ear to chin. Left the Dutch going into Flushing; they must lose many men, most of their ships being disabled. The Blue parted from them with 35 of the enemy. Failed to get between these 35 sail, and knows not what the Blue admiral has done. [2 *pages*.]

July 27. Two leagues from Scoone, Zealand. 6. Ja. Reado to Williamson. Fears he is angry, but could not send the list of the fleet requested, without disobeying commands. Particulars of the positions of the fleets, January 23 and 24. The Jersey had her mainmast split by a thunderbolt. The West Foreland had nearly been lost, by the carpenters' leaving the hold uncalked in a storm; nine feet of water got in, and 80 barrels of powder are spoiled. Refers to Sir Thos. [Clifford] for particulars of the engagement. [1½ *pages*.]

July 27. 7. Account of the victory obtained by the King's fleet, under Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, July 25, over the fleet of the States general. [*Printed*, 6 *pages*.]

[July 27.] 8. Paragraph [prepared by Lord Arlington for the Gazette]. The account given is word for word taken from Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle's relation of the fight, their modesty equalling their valour. The sum is that, with equal numbers, the enemy was beaten back into their own harbours, after bragging to the world that they were blocking up those in the Thames, and had brought tools and materials to conquer England, or at least fire all the ports; yet they will probably ring bells, make bonfires, and send narratives to all the courts of Christendom of their great success. The victory is due to the valour and conduct of the generals, and universal bravery of the seamen. [*Draft*.]

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July. 9. Laudatory ode to King Charles, on the victory gained under Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, in a naval battle with the Dutch, eighth calend of August, 1666. [*Latin, printed.*]

[July 27.] 10. Account of the Dutch losses in the late battle; 15 or 16 captains killed, several vessels taken, &c.

July 27. Whitehall. 11. News letter. Capt. Taylor, sent from the fleet to the King on Monday, said he feared the Dutch were waiting fresh supplies from Holland before they would engage. On the 14th, the head of Cornet Nangles, who headed 150 men, and burnt part of Longford and took 15 of Lord Aungier's horse, was brought into Dublin. The King, on some complaints, has recalled the privateers' commissions granted to Sir Wm. Courteen's executors on account of their losses. The Attorney General is ordered to prosecute several persons for making tokens. The Council sent messengers to Harwich and Yarmouth for the earliest news of the fleet, which to get out sooner, left some ships behind and took out their men. Some imprest masters have been brought before Council, and are sent to the White Lion prison, to abide a trial by law for taking money and other disorders. Mr. Warcup, having long concealed himself to avoid execution of the Council's warrant against him, for abusing Lord Arlington's name in feigning him to be privy to his own private corrupt contracts, gave himself up to the messenger, and submitted to imprisonment in the Fleet. The Archbishop of Canterbury is absent from court or council, because one of his chaplain's servants has died at the pest-house, of the plague. Holland has stationed ships at her several ports, to carry back to the fleet seamen who come with disabled vessels; this may prolong the engagement, as men will not be so ready to go home, when they know they shall be hurried back. The fleet with all their fighting ships, have only two fifth-rates. Sir Wm. Baker and other persons skilled in sea affairs have been with the King, and judge the retiring of the guns to a greater distance the most happy sign of good success. Particulars of the engagement, as sent from Harwich. With note that this letter was directed to James Banks, of Bruges. [*Copy 4 pages.*]

July 27. Whitehall. 12. News letter. On Wednesday the Earl of Lindsey died at Lord Camden's house, Kensington. M. Parent, sent to the Tower for holding intelligence with the King's enemies beyond seas, petitioned Council for liberty, but his petition was postponed. Mr. Warcup, since his confinement to the Fleet, is very melancholy, and refuses all company. The London is found to be an excellent ship, of great speed, better than the former. Desborough is sent to the Tower. At Ipswich, 19 have died this week—15 of the plague; at Colchester 178, 175 of the plague; London 326, 48 of the plague. Details of the late engagement, as given by the Elizabeth frigate, which being disabled in the fight, left the fleet, Wednesday, at 6 p. m. Addressed to Thos. Geritsch, merchant at Haarlem. With addresses of eight persons, in different towns of Europe, to whom

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letters were sent in the same packet, including Jas. Banks, of Bruges. [3 *pages.*]

July 27. Whitehall. 13. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Lieutenant and Governor of Dover Castle, the officers of passage and customs, &c., removing the prohibition against vessels going out from that port. [*Copy.*]

July 27. Commission to Bevill Skelton to be Cornet to the Earl of Rochester. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 124.]

July 27. Whitehall. 14. Blank commission for a quartermaster in the Earl of Rochester's troop of horse.

July 27. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to discharge Lewis Parent from custody, he entering into bond of 1,000*l.*, with Wm. Brickman for his loyalty and good appearance. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 222.]

July 27. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of an annuity of 50*l.* to Eleanor Mathews, to be paid by the receivers of cos. Bedford and Bucks. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 222.]

July 27. 15. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. Lord Carlisle at Branton, had 200 to choose from for his new troop. The Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, and his deputies have resolved to raise six volunteer troops under the Earl himself, Lord Strange, the High Sheriff, Sir Rob. Bindlos, Mr. Nowell, and Mr. Holt. There is a general cheerfulness among the gentry for service against the Dutch and French. It is whispered that there is a fanatic design on foot, which will appear before long, but thinks it not likely to be true.

July 27. Margate. 16. Joh. Smith to Williamson. Is anxious for news from the fleets; guns have been heard, and they are believed to have been engaged two days; is confident of a victory, as the sound of guns went further off; a smack is being manned with soldiers to take a French sloop hovering on the North Foreland.

July 27. Pembroke. 17. Fras. Malory to Williamson. An insurrection amongst the Irish is reported; 10,000 men were in arms, headed by Sir George Lane's brother-in-law, who has lost his head, and only by importunity it was allowed to be buried and not set on the gates of Dublin. Vessels are seen off the coast. The gentlemen of Pembrokeshire are raising a troop of 120 for His Majesty's service.

July 27. 18. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

July ? 19. Petition of Frances, widow of Walter Wood, late commander of the Henrietta frigate, to the King, for discharge from repayment of 1,000*l.* advanced to her husband two years before, for which the Navy Comrs. call her to account, but she is unable to give it, many of his papers being cast overboard at the time he was slain.

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July 27. 20. Certificate by Peter Pett, Sam. Pepys, and Lord Brouncker, Navy Comrs., at request of Frances, widow of Capt. Walter Wood, commander of the Henrietta, that on 1st October 1664, by command of the Duke of York, 1,000*l.* was impressed to Capt. Wood, for the contingencies of the fleet going under command of Prince Rupert to Guinea.

July 27. 21. Sir Thos. Clarges to Williamson. Refused to allow of Mr. Price as surgeon to Scilly, without a commission, which may be safely prepared; he was presented by Col. Buller, and Mr. Knight sent his approbation, though that is not necessary.

July 27. Newcastle. 22. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends an account of an apparition, which, as divers masters affirm the same, is much credited, but most among the fanatics. The coal laden fleet still continues there. *Encloses,*

22. I. *Account by T. G. of Ipswich, that sailing to the north of Shields, he and several others saw, at 6 p.m. July 25, appearances in the heavens of ships, first one or two, then three or four, which vanished; then the hull of a great ship without masts, and at last a fleet of ships, one of which was a very great ship, with hull, masts, yards, vanes &c., all discernible.*

July 27. Beaudesert. 23. Sir B. Bronghton to Williamson. Sends an examination, having hunted 10 miles till he found the person. On Sunday 200 Papists met at a gentleman's house, and it is said that one Papist has 1,000 arms. Hopes to run the scent so fast as to prove the truth of the report or punish its author. *Encloses,*

23. I. *Examination of Alice, wife of Owen Edwards of Brerewood, Staffordshire. A popish priest, whose name she knows not, but whom she once saw saying mass at Ralph Palin's, of Hilton, told her that within two months she should see mass said at Brerewood Church; that they had taken St. Christopher's, and killed all men, women, and children who would not turn.* [*Copy.*]

July 27. Northampton. 24. Sir Charles Wheeler to Williamson. Requests him to put in Capt. Thos. Mawson as Major General Egerton's quartermaster, and Major General Baker as his own; the former is the Leicestershire, the other the Derbyshire officer. The eight counties have all come up, and will be ready to march when the Lancashire and Herefordshire horse have had a little rest after their long march.

July 27. Plymouth. 25. John Clarke to Williamson. Three frigates sailed yesterday for the fleet, with men from the Virginia and Barbadoes ships, and such as could be spared out of the rest of the frigates. The Orange has come in from the eastward, also the Victory, which missed the fleet

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she was sent to Ireland to convoy. Several deputy lieutenants are there, consulting with the Earl of Bath, about the county militia, in case the enemy attempt anything.

July 27. Plymouth. 26. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect as the former part of the preceding.

July 27. Plymouth. 27. D. Grosse to Williamson. Arrival of a Lubecker, laden with deals, pitch and tar, and a Hamburger, with French wines for London. The Guernsey and three others still remain with the Virginia and Barbadoes fleet.

July 27. Whitby. 28. Thos. Waade to Williamson. The enemy's men-of-war being drawn off the coasts, good store of fish is got. The grand expectation is of the action of the fleet.

July 27. Custom House, Barnstaple. 29. P. Manaton to Williamson. A Dutch caper meeting three vessels of the harbour, bound for Ireland, pillaged two, and seized the other, the George of Bideford, but it was redeemed for 50*l.*

July 27. Gravesend. 30. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Notes of the arrival, departure, and number of men in the Norwich and three other ships. None of the King's vessels are now at Gravesend. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 27. Plymouth. 31. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Notifies the arrival of two prize ships laden with deals, tar, and cordage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 28. Bristol. 32. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. The St. Patrick has set sail; accompanied Capt. Saunders down the Channel to see her workings, when she much out-sailed five other ships; is ready for further employment, and willing to undertake a third-rate frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 28. Bristol. 33. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. The Friezland and three merchant ships sailed under convoy of Capt. Saunders; the persons employed to impress men for the St. Patrick desire money for their re-imbursement. *Encloses,*

33. I. *Account of the imprest and conduct money paid by Rich. Vickers and Geo. Renolls to 39 seamen, named, pressed for the St. Patrick; total* 14*l.* 7*s.*

July 28. Royal Charles. 34. Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle to the Navy Comrs. Desire that John Hawes, surgeon of the Royal Charles, be speedily supplied with necessaries for his medicine chest. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 28. Portsmouth. 35. John Tippetts to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of timber to be had at Rye, Hastings, Brighthelmstone, &c. Dimensions of 620 loads tendered by Chris. Coles. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 28. Whitehall. 36. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin, treasurer of the chamber, to pay 20*l.* to the gentlemen of the Chapel Royal, in lieu of three deer usually granted to them yearly. [*Copy.*]

[July 28.] Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 219.]

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July 28. 37. Mary Knight to Williamson. Mr. Price is the person whom her husband pressed for service at Scilly, and who desires a commission.

July 28. Bridgewater. 38. Wm. Seymour to James Hickes. The Patrick frigate, built at Bristol, and fully manned from the Virginia fleet, has gone up the Channel to join four more frigates at Plymouth, and go to the fleet, whose success is prayed for.

July 28. Dorchester. 39. Charles Duke of Richmond and Lenox to [Williamson]. Hopes happy news of good success at sea, which is earnestly prayed for. Is weary with five days' marching; will answer his brother Brian's letter next post.

July 28. Ipswich. 40. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. Particulars of the engagement: the dispute was very hot; the Dutch had four ships fired and some sunk; the Elizabeth, Maryan, and nine other ships have come near the fort. The fight was renewed on Thursday, the Dutch fleet dividing northwards and southwards; the Blue squadron engaged the Zealand squadron and totally routed them, but are still in chase, hoping to bring them into that harbour.

July 28. Harwich. 41. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Fears to call the result a victory, having had ill success in wording his meaning before. Sir Jeremy Smith, with the Blue, engaged the Zealand squadron some time after the others, losing sight in the night of some ships that had assisted them; the Zealanders were increased by seven or eight ships cut off from the main squadron and forced to join theirs, but hearing probably what game the others had played, they crowded sail and stood for the coast of Zealand; Sir Jeremy was up with them at 8 p.m., but would not engage at night, and the Dutch got close to the coast and escaped. The Vice-Admiral of Zealand's ship, with 70 brass guns, was fired, after being two hours in English hands. Could not send more news, for Sir Wm. Penn, who lies in the Rolling Grounds, anticipated the news as it came, sent it by express to Sir Wm. Coventry, and was not communicative. Guns are to be fired at Harwich to show their sense of this mercy.

July 28. Hull. 42. Luke Whittington to Williamson. A Konigsberger reports the stations of the Danish men-of-war, 32 in all; that the Swedes have 50 sail, and have laid an embargo on all ships for a certain term, in order to get their full complement of men; that 40 Hollanders left the Sound with him, and not a man-of-war with them; that off Yarmouth he heard very great shooting, which made his ship bounce as if struck aground. Hopes the Blackamoor, riding in Grimsby Road, will prevent the boldness of the capers who haunt the coasts, and have lately taken a Swedish ship, laden with malt, lead, and cloth. [1½ *pages.*]

July 28. Poole. 43. A. Skutt to Williamson. The Anthony has taken two French prizes after two hours' fight; they report that in France

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great numbers of soldiers are drawn to the seaside, on what design they know not, and are so burdensome to the inhabitants that many peasants are forced to sell all to maintain them.

July 28. Margate. 44. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Sailed for the Holland coast, and got by stealth into the Maes, where the English fleet blocks up the Dutch; the Resolution burnt, and the Rear-Admiral of the White missing, are the only ships lost; nine Holland ships were blown up, and many more sunk; 30 of the Blue squadron engaged 30 of the Zealand fleet; they fought well on both sides, and parted, but the loss is not known. Thanks God that they are masters of the sea. The fleet will not leave the Holland coast so long as their provisions last. Escaped in a chase by a French pickeroon.

July 28. Newcastle. 45. Rich. Forster to Williamson. An engagement is reported between four Scotch privateers and seven Hollanders, in which, after a sharp dispute, four Hollanders were taken, and the rest ran away, but Capt. Hamilton was killed, and another captain lost his leg. The coal fleet still remains; 40 of the masters have been to him that day to enquire for good news from the fleet.

July 28. Harwich. 46. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. Particulars of the fight. The Dutch ran in three hours' fight, the White and Red in pursuit of the Hollanders, and the Blue of the Zealanders. Capt. Kempthorne had like to have been fired by his own fire-ship, and the Revenge by the Land of Promise. The Henry and Rainbow were disabled, but both went into the fleet again.

July 28. Bridlington. 47. John Bower to James Hickes. Hears that the fleets were engaged and hopes good news. A Swedish ship was carried away from the Humber by a French sloop; no other enemies have been seen for a week, but no traders dare venture forth. All the beacons along the seacoast are well repaired, and strict watch kept, day and night.

July 28. Saxmundham. 48. John Payne to James Hickes. Begs that his letter with the knights to it may not get into any paper of news. There is flying talk that the fleet have routed the Dutch, and got between them and their own coast, and that the Dutch make for Ostend and Dunkirk for shelter. Some wounded men brought in say, they saw several Dutch ships on fire before they left. "I do think our fleet will bang the Dutch to some purpose, of which I pray God Almighty they may."

July 28. Bristol. 49. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. The convoys that guarded the fleet from Kinsale, left them after seeing them safe in the Channel. The St. Patrick has sailed, full of men and courage, and proves an excellent sailer; she is reported to have met six or seven French privateers, sunk three, and taken the rest. The men-of-war being gone, seamen begin to appear, and 300 or 400 may be had easily.

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Particulars of ships seen; only two died at Bristol of the sickness last week.

July 28. York. 50. Sir Jo. Rereshy to Williamson. Begs expedition of his commission as cornet to the Duke of Buckingham's troop. The Duke wrote a fortnight ago for his commissions, but only that of Sir Hen. Belasyse as lieutenant has come; will send the fees. There is little cause to suspect those called the disaffected, and there is a general willingness to serve King and country should there be occasion.

July 28. Chester Castle. 51. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Begs his interest in promoting a speedy supply for the garrison. Is grateful for Lord Arlington's favours, and will study to deserve them; all is well in Ireland, as far as he hears. Sent to apprehend some conventiclers, but they got out at a back door, having notice of the soldiers coming. Has taken one since, who confesses that there were more than 10 preaching and praying, beside the family; has had some before the mayor, and is pursuing the rest in order to their conviction. *Encloses,*

51. I. *Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Lord Arlington. Thanks for presenting his requests for supplies for the garrison, the expediting of which greatly concerns the securing of that place and adjacent parts. Could soon raise the men if he had a commission, and knew the number His Majesty would add to the present establishment.*

*Chester Castle, July* 28, 1666.

July 28. Boston. 52. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. All is well in those parts, but no news. Begs to have the "Current intelligence" sent.

July 28. Warrant for a grant to Lord Chancellor Clarendon of the lieutenancy and government of Woodstock. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 223.]

July 28. Plymouth. 53. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Particulars of vessels passing, arriving or departing. A Lubecker laden with tar passed through the Dutch fleet on Tuesday; the master was taken on board De Ruyter's ship, but dismissed on pretending to be bound for France. The next day he heard the fleets engage, and heard the guns till he passed by the Isle of Wight.

July 28. Naworth. 54. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Urges his former request, that the Carlisle post may come from Newcastle, instead of over Stainmore; it will save the postmaster general a stage, and is absolutely necessary at this time. Is cut off from all communication with Scotland and the northern counties that lie upon the east coast, where, if any where, danger must be expected; begs its speedy settlement; has sent the names of stages and postmasters. Has more men for his troop than he has room for, and could soon have a regiment of horse and another of foot, if needed. Newcastle is a convenient place to draw the northern forces to. Having no charge of the bishopric, cannot answer Sir Wm. Blakeston, who is confident

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the fanatics there intend something. Will obey the King's letter, though it directs securing those people; supposes he is only obliged to do this when necessary. Will secure the peace, with the least oppression. [1½ *pages.*]

July 28. Lyme. 55. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The Mayflower and Lily Rose of Lyme have gone for Jersey, laden with lime and other provisions, under convoy of the Nonsuch. Three good ships near shore are supposed to be frigates from Plymouth, bound for the fleet.

July 28. Weymouth Port. 56. John Pocock to James Hickes. There is a mistake in the Gazette about the ebbing and flowing of the tide; it rose five feet in less than a quarter of an hour, instead of falling. A bark from Torbay reports the coast clear of pickeroons. The Nonsuch cruises daily on those coasts without adventure.

July 29. Falmouth. 57. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Two Plymouth vessels laden with coals from Wales report the coast clear of pickeroons. The Truelove from Bristol, laden with ammunition, has come up under convoy of the Patrick, a new 50 gun frigate, built at Bristol.

July 29. Whitehall. Warrant to the Commissioners for the sick and wounded and prisoners, to take care that in the exchange of Dutch and French prisoners, such as have been taken on board the King's ships be first exchanged, and then those on private men-of-war and merchantmen. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 106.]

[July 29.] 58. Draft of the above.

July 29. Dover. 59. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Sir Wm. Davidson, landed from Nieuport, brings news that De Ruyter is killed, that there are sad outcries in Zealand, and but eight ships are returned thither.

July 29. Dover Castle. 60. Capt. John Strode to Williamson. A Nieuport vessel reports that 50 of the Dutch fleet are got into their ports and another squadron gone northward, pursued by some of the English fleet; that the English Generals cut off De Ruyter from his fleet, that Evertsen was killed, and the Admiral of Zealand had both his legs shot off. Begs a reference on his petition concerning three ships that he took in the beginning of the Dutch war.

July 29. Portsmouth. 61. Robt. Mills to Williamson. The news being so small there, thinks his letters only give trouble. The Paradox has gone cruising, and the Drake gone westward to fetch pressed men for the fleet.

July 29. 62. Robert Mills to James Hickes. To the same effect.

July 29. Plymouth. 63. John Clarke to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships. A Lubecker has come in who saw the fleets engaged. Hopes a glorious victory over the insulting enemy.

July 29. 64. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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July 29. Southwold. 65. Willm. Waynfleet to [Williamson]. The Susan ketch, belonging to the Royal Charles, has set ashore 30 or 40 of her men, and more are expected hourly. The master of the ketch says he believes the generals will lie upon the Holland coast some days. *Encloses,*

65. I. *Ja. Reade to Wm. Waynfleet. The Duke of Albemarle acknowledges 10 men sent for the Victory, and 10 new-pressed men, and begs dispatch of others. Accounts are sent to the King of the routing of the enemy, who were beaten into shore, and had the wind served, their business, had been done, the large ships following them to six fathoms of water, and the smaller vessels farther. The prisoners confess many are killed.* [*Copy.*]
*Royal Charles, two leagues from Scoone, Zealand, July* 27.

July 29. Isle of Wight. 66. Sir R. Dillington to Williamson. The prize officers have small employment, for though six ships were brought into Cowes last week, all pretend to be Hamburgers or Ostenders. Some pickeroons attempted to land near St. Helen's to steal sheep, but put to sea again on appearance of Sir Hen. Jones' troop, part of which was quartered near; 300 militia of Berkshire, under Major Peacock, of whom Lord Lovelace speaks well, have landed, not without need. The islanders are sensible of Lord [Arlington's] performance of his promises. Should the Dutch succeed in this engagement, more forces will be needed to guard the many places of approach. Since the recruit of arms came, the spare men not charged with arms are trained, which will add to the strength of the militia. Begs the first news of the battle, and that his name may not again be mentioned in the Gazette. Hance Lisle, of West Cowes, is a cunning able notary, and was employed under Oliver, but may now be honest and loyal. Has been to Hampshire to consult the deputy lieutenants for their further security.

July 29. Ware Park. 67. Thos. Lord Fanshaw to Williamson. Begs to receive by the bearer the last news that came to the King from the fleet.

July 29. Maidenhead. 68. Wm. Lord Maynard to Williamson. Has not heard from him this week. Hopes to be recompensed by news of a great victory sent by the bearer.

July 29. Portsmouth Dockyard. 69. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Is rejoiced at the prospect of assistance for the poor people shut up in infected houses. Doubts not God's mercy in giving a victory to the fleet. Will speedily dispatch the Friezland, if she come within reach. Is offered hemp and yarn at 45*s.* and 50*s.* per cwt. Not the value of a handspike goes out of the stores without his hand to the demand; is often told this is not usual in other yards; "more's the pity; opportunity makes men forget themselves, and the best of us are but men." [*Adm. Paper,* 1½ *pages.*]

July 29. The Sophia. 70. John Andrews to Sir Wm. Coventry. Arrived at the Taine, July 15, with three other vessels, and all lie waiting the arrival of

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Mr. Pett. The masts are ready, but the biggest only 64 feet long. When once the work begins, they will be laden in 14 days. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 29. Plymouth. 7. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure of ships. The constables are very negligent in pressing and securing men for the service, and indeed try to hinder it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 30. Victualling Office. 72. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Requests convoy and protection for ships employed to fetch cask from Ireland and Hamburg. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 30. Bristol. 73. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Cannot proceed upon the ironwork without money, owing much for iron already. Begs an order for 600*l.* on the customs of the Virginia ships, on which many bills are drawn already. Asks whether the new third-rate ship is to be built there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 30. Royal Oak. 74. Walter Dowrick, muster master of the Vice-admiral of the Red's division, to [the Navy Comrs.] Is much hindered by the backwardness of the pursers in sending up their books. The captains are generally averse to the qualifying their men before him, and wish to have the order repealed; they fear, no doubt, that if they establish their men before the end of the voyage, they shall not make their boys and ordinary country fellows midshipmen and officers by their tickets as heretofore, and then take the advantage to themselves; asks directions. Will make up books, and qualify the men himself according to their capabilities, if the pursers and captains will not do it. Gives a list of the 12 ships of his division. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

July 30. The Rupert. 75. Thos. Cowley, purser, to Robt. Smith, Navy Office messenger. Can get no warrant for the supply of the victuals for the 100 supernumeraries on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 30. Deal Castle Admiral, Downs. 76. S. Jackson to Williamson. It is reported that Evertsen, admiral of the Zealand squadron, lost both his legs, and is dead, and six or more of his squadron sunk and burned by Sir Jeremiah Smith; that De Ruyter is sunk, and the Duke and Prince are pursuing Trump.

July 30. Cowes, Isle of Wight. 77. And. Newport to Williamson. Sir Phil. Honeywood begs another reminder to Lord Arlington to send money for the fortifications. Capt. Carr, the deputy engineer, is scarcely ever on the works; he therefore cannot certify what work is done, and no money is to be paid without his certificate; he refused one to the undertaker for 50*l.* to pay his men. The undertaker begged Sir Philip not to regard Carr, for he did not understand the work, and for 40*s.* would certify for three times as much. Sir Philip made him try; the undertaker gave Carr the 40*s.*, and got a certificate for 200*l.* The fellow spends all his time in drinking, &c., and minds not his business. Writes this at command of the governor. [1½ *pages.*]

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July 30. Norwich. 78. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickes. Sir Thos. Allin has written to his lady that the Dutch fleet is beaten into Flushing, and the English waiting for the Dutch East Indians coming home. All is very bad in the city. Some days does not take 6*d.* a day, which is sad where there are 10 or 11 to maintain.

July 30. Lynn. 79. E. B[odham] to Williamson. Two vessels were sent out under Capt. Hawley, to take a French sloop which came boldly into the Channel, but she was gone out of sight; she has returned, and they talk of going out again. The guns in the engagement were distinctly heard at Lynn, but not at Yarmouth nor Sole Bay. Has received the happy news that the fleet has destroyed 11 Dutch ships, forced them into Zealand, and rides on their coasts, being but little damaged. There are French sloops off at sea in several places.

July 30. Order for a warrant to pay to William Gumbledon, jeweller, 360*l.*, for jewels provided for the secretary of the French embassy, and for the envoy of Savoy. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 222.]

July 30. Yarmouth. 80. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Zealanders were engaged with the Blue squadron Wednesday and most of Thursday, but at length the Zealanders ran; the Dutch fleet escaped to the Weelings and Goree; only hears of six ships lost by them; 32 wounded men from the Victory and Vanguard have come to Southwold. The Victory being threatened by a fire-ship, the captain sent his lieutenant in a ketch to put the fire-ship by; the ketch followed the fire-ship too near the Dutch fleet, and being herself taken for a fire-ship, every one near let fly at her, so the ketch was sadly shattered and the lieutenant killed. Capt. Talbot of the Elizabeth came into Aldborough, with his vessel in good condition, walking the deck in his silk morning gown and powdered hair. The East India London also came into Aldborough; the captain was killed, and the surgeon's arm broken; the men declared they would not fight without a surgeon; other arrivals at Yarmouth. Sir Thos. Allin has taken and fired Banckart's flag ship, Banckart escaping in a boat. The Royal Charles is sent in; the generals remain on board the Royal James. The Hull fleet has sailed from Yarmouth for London without convoy. Begs the Gazettes regularly; 22 wounded men are brought ashore.

July 30. Hull. 81. Luke Whittington to James Hickes. Has nothing worth relating since his letter to Mr. Williamson of the 28th.

July 30. Dover. 82. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. A boat of sick and wounded from the English fleet says they lie before the Maes and Weelings, and have taken two of the enemy's flag ships. Is sending the shallop to the Holland coast for certain news.

July 30. Lyme. 83. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Arrival and departure of vessels.

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July 30. 84. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Sends letters; will wait on him now that God has comforted them with success; hopes He will never give them up to so insulting and imperious a people.

July 30. West Cowes. 85. John Lysle to Williamson. Thanks for his promise to establish him in his office; does not wish to name those that obstruct him; will pay the fees when appointed. A Flushing caper has seen the fleets engaged, and thinks the English will have the victory. Three French pickeroons cruising about Dartmouth took three small English vessels, but two were rescued by a company of men sent from Dartmouth to Plymouth. Sir Hen. Jones has surveyed the demolished fortifications; there are eleven places which should be fortified; hopes it will be done quickly. *Encloses,*

85. I. *John Lysle to Williamson. Begs his intercession with Lord Arlington, for continuance in his slenderly paid office of examiner and interpreter to the Prize Office, in which other favourites seek to undermine him; also allowance of such fees and perquisites as pertain to the office.* *West Cowes, July* 30, 1666.

July 30. Whitehall. 86. The King to the Earl of Morton. Finds on report of the Commissioners of Prizes, that the King David of Drontheim, returning from Norway to London laden with deals as licensed, was driven into Orkney and there seized, Nov. 1664, on the declaration of war against the Dutch, the master Oche Albert being a Dutchman, and owner of $\frac{1}{16}$th of the cargo; but as the cargo was brought in before the said declaration, the lading is to be restored to John Hamond the owner, on his paying moderate charges for its safe keeping; he complained that in spite of an order of July 1665, the Earl has disposed of some of the goods, and suffered others to perish for want of landing and safe keeping.

July 30. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 17, *pp.* 197–8.]

July 30. 87. Petition of the wives and widows of 400 or 500 seamen to the King, for order for speedy payment of their moneys; their tickets have been long in the office, and many of them have come 200 miles for their money, and are much abused and delayed by the clerks and other officers at the pay office, when they sue for their money. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

87. I. *List of* 82 *seamen for whom women went up to Whitehall with a petition, with the names of their respective vessels.* [2 *pages.*]

July 30. Weymouth. 88. John Pocock to James Hickes. Great shooting was heard in Portland Isle, coming from eastward; four great ships have stood up the Channel. The Duke of Richmond, lord lieutenant, has come to Dorchester.

July 30. Harwich. 89. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The generals are sailing in the Royal James, with the fleet, from the Weelings to the Texel; the Royal Charles is sent back to be repaired. Sir Wm. Penn is sailing in the Henrietta towards the buoy of the Nore. Suggests

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the removal of Capt. Dorrell's company of the Admiral's regiment out of town, or into tents; Harwich is only part of a parish, with a chapel-of-ease, and has already quartered 200 shipwrights, besides calkers, labourers, &c., and many sick and wounded men are come or coming ashore. [1½ *pages.*]

July 30. Pendennis. 90. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Has acquainted every port with the Duke of York's orders to stop certain privateers, and the orders will be obeyed when they come in. Particulars of vessels; a ketch has been to fetch decayed powder from the garrison to be sent to the Tower. The Eagle and Guernsey, passing for the Straits with two or three merchantmen, shot two or three guns to give notice to some vessels in the port bound for those parts.

July 30. Afternoon, Pendennis. 91. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The merchant ships named have come into harbour; they are bound for Portugal and New York; the convoy waits to speak with three frigates, who say they are ordered to the coast of France. A privateer of Fowey brought in a French pickeroon, but another escaped.

July 30. Truro 92. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The trained band mustered well, and are very ready to serve against invaders, though the harvest wants help; companies will be put on duty by the deputy lieutenants who are very diligent in settling the militia; they have sent in 12 barrels of powder and match. A man from Guernsey reports that the French prize sunk by the Orange was of much greater value than reported, having one chest of precious stones worth 40,000*l.*, and ambergris and other things value 400,000*l.*; he says four other ships belonging to the same company, of the like value, are to return all singly, which is a purchase worth looking after, and would make the seamen courageously merry, if they met with them. All are impatient to hear the good success of the fleet.

July 30. 93. Apoline Halle to Lord Arlington. Has discovered a great treason against the King, the taking of his life by poignards, told some of His Majesty's friends, but lest they should not discover it in time, has come to inform his honour. The person to perform this cursed action is Capt. Cressey, of the Charterhouse yard; if that design fail, a confectioner named De Hay is to poison him in cream. Will obey his lordship's orders to the utmost peril of his life, to prevent this conspiracy.

July 30. Whitehall. 94. News letter. Besides the 90 odd sail that went out with the generals, 16 more were to follow as recruits, with all possible speed, to be commanded by Sir Wm. Penn. The late Earl of Lindsey's troop is given to the Duke of Monmouth. Particulars of prizes taken. With note that with this letter to Haarlem were sent two Gazettes and a narrative of the fight.

July 31. Plymouth. 95. John Clarke to Williamson. The St. Patrick has arrived from Bristol, with a vessel laden with timber for the service, and will convoy the Virginia and Barbadoes fleets to the Downs.



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July 31. 96. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect as the preceding.

July 31. Harwich. 97. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The captain of the Vanguard says he has lost 60 men in the engagement, but taken one ship, sunk two, and burnt two more; three of the King's ships and two merchant ships have come in to be refitted. A young fellow, who says he was barber to the Royal Charles, reports that Sir Jeremy Smith has taken 12 ships, and that Van Tromp was taken up in the sea alive; he describes him as he saw him on board the Royal Charles. Will secure the man till his news be confirmed, as no one else has heard a word of it. At noon yesterday the fleet was before Middleburg; the Dutch fleet had got into Zealand, and the English general's sails were loose for sailing.

July. 31. Aldborough. 98. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A dogger has brought in 17 wounded men. Several vessels from the fleet have stood into Harwich, several from Aldborough have gone to the fleet, and six more are going. Thinks there will be little use for the vessel he pressed, the King having so many small vessels. The Earl of Suffolk and deputy lieutenants have been to Aldborough, and advise him to keep her still out at sea; will consult Serjeant Knight about it. It was the Breda, not the Rainbow, that was disabled, and her commander, Capt. Saunders, sadly wounded. Can send the earliest news, as all vessels going from the fleet to Harwich make Aldborough first.

July 31. Plymouth Fort. 99. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Had a pension of 100*l.* a year granted him three years ago, for expenses of housekeeping as lieutenant governor, and Sir Phil. Honeywood has the same for Portsmouth; Sir Philip's warrant is from the privy purse, and has been duly paid; his own being on the Exchequer he never drew it out, knowing there was nothing to be got there, but the King believes he is paid. Mr Godolphin, before going to Spain, promised to get the arrears paid and the pension settled, as he had done for his brother, but forgot it. Offers Williamson 100*l.* to get him the 300*l.* arrears, and 50*l.* more, if he can get his pension settled on the privy purse, or some other good fund. For the arrears, the best would be a warrant to Lord Ashley to pay them out of the prize office at Plymouth; some have got such warrants who little deserved them. Has been at Plymouth nearly five years, and never had a a farthing beyond his captain's pay, yet his expenses are very great in entertaining captains and officers of frigates, and gentlemen of the country, which he must do or be accounted a clown. Will write to Lord Arlington if needful; the Earl of Bath has written to him about it already; the St. Patrick from Bristol has arrived, with 340 men, being 140 above complement; hopes to put more on board to-morrow. She convoys the Virginia and Barbadoes ships for London. [2 *pages.*]

July 31. Byfleet. 100. Gilbert Archbishop of Canterbury to Williamson. Thanks for his news. Was so deeply apprehensive about the success of the last action, that he could neither have cheerfulness by day nor quiet by night, but is now restored to both.

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July 31. St. Michael's Mount. 101 John Seyntaubyn to Lord Arlington. A French vessel, the Rouen Merchant, came into port, having on board the French master and mate, and two Englishmen, put in her by Capt. Robt. Saunders, captain of the St. Patrick; the Englishmen came into harbour to ask for help, fearing lest when at sea, the Frenchmen should be too strong for them, and carry them into France. A Scilly vessel and two colliers have been taken by a French man-of-war, which still remains on the coast, to the prejudice of the Welsh and Irish trade. *Encloses,*

101. I. *Examination of Nowell Coste, master of the Rouen Merchant, and Allen Martin, mariner, before John Seyntaubyn, justice of peace. Were put into the ship by Laurence Bonder, merchant of Rouen, have been to Bourdeaux to lade wines, carried them to Bristol, took in there a lading of sea coals, and are carrying the same to Weymouth, to be consigned to John Coale, merchant of Dorchester, to whom both ship and lading belong.*
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101. II. *Examination of Edw. Downes, of Walls, mariner of the St. Patrick. On July 23, he and Peter Cossens, of St. Ives, were put on board the Rouen Merchant, in King's Road, Bristol, by order of Rob. Saunders, captain of the St. Patrick, and were ordered to sail her, in company of the St. Patrick, about land to Falmouth.*
*The Mount, July* 29, 1666.

July 31. 102. C. Sanderson to Williamson. Remonstrates against being referred to Sir Phil. Musgrave for payment of the money due to the intelligencer; quotes letters in which Lord Arlington makes himself responsible for it; it is a little money spent to good purpose, whereby subjects may rest in security from danger in that county, and it would be impossible to procure such another person. Hopes Lord Arlington will remember his son [Philip]. Begs a warrant for a stag from Teesdale Forest; his lands join, yet he has never tasted venison since the Restoration, and no tenant of his ever wrongs the game. *Annexing,*

102. I. *Account of payments by Chris. Sanderson to [the intelligencer] on his allowance of 20l. quarterly, since July 1664; total, 140l.; balance due to Sanderson, 40l.*

July 31. Warrant to Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, generals at sea, to hang as rebels and traitors all English subjects taken in future in this war against the Dutch and French. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 105.]

[July 31.] 103. Draft of the above.

[July 31.] 104. Note of the above, and of the order of July 29 for exchange of prisoners.

July 31. St. James's. 105. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Begs dispatch for Thos. Hunt, who accused Capt. Buckman of false musters, and the case was referred to a committee of Council.



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July 31. Edinburgh. 106. R. M. [Roh. Meine] to Williamson. Preparations are made for a rendezvous at Edinburgh on August 10; more prizes are brought into Leith; good news from the two fleets is longed for. Is reproached for sending news to England; begs that his name may be concealed as the writer. One letter to himself or the Archbishop of Glasgow will suffice for both, as it is transcribed and sent on.

July 31. Ipswich. 107. J. Knight to Williamson. Acquainted the Earl of Suffolk with the victory, and he ordered bonfires, guns, and bells, so that all those parts rejoice; the hurt men are not all come on shore, at least there are only 300. Wishes the two great ships fired had been preserved, for people will not believe a victory without evidence of ships and prisoners. The enemy have good ships and fight well; cannot understand how they gave the victory so easily in the morning, and denied it so obstinately all the time after. Thinks the end will never be gained by fighting; hopes a happy accommodation, lest the English lose the reputation at sea so fortunately asserted. Will find him a correspondent at Harwich, the next time he goes down there. [2 *pages.*]

July 31. Plymouth. 108. Earl of Bath to Williamson. Wants an answer about the deals brought in prizes, and needful for the fortifications. Sir Bernard De Gomme says they will save the King much money. Begs speedy dispatch, if Lord Arlington think fit to grant a request made to him on behalf of Sir Bernard.

July 31. Plymouth. 109. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Arrival of the St. Patrick, convoying three vessels; she chased off the Lizard a caper that escaped.

July 31. Langard Point Fort. 110. Lieut. Edw. Suckley to James Hickes. His last gave too great applause to the Blue; they behaved themselves very cowardly, running before the enemy half the day, so that Major Holmes fired several guns to induce Sir Jeremy Smith to bear up to them, and soon after the Zealand squadron ran and got home, but had they been chased as they ought, every ship had been lost. Major Holmes called Sir Jeremy Smith a coward before the two generals, who have written to the King about him. Can only hear of three Dutch ships fired and sunk; the English lost the Resolution, but most of her men were saved; Capt. Seymour and another captain were killed. The White squadron made the squadron that fought against her run in four hours; the Red fought very bravely, and had the Blue fought as well, the business would have been done. The fleet rides at anchor near the Texel.

July 31. 111. Petition of Robt. Baxter, ensign to Sir John Robinson, lieutenant of the Tower, to the Navy Comrs., for redress of the abuses practised by Mr. Carcase and Mr. Washington, at the Treasury Office, in refusing the dispatch of poor persons' tickets unless they offer him money, or employ a solicitor at 2*s.* 6*d.* a ticket. He pays bought tickets at his own house, whilst poor men wait six weeks or

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longer, unless without demand they pay an angel or more; has known 16*s.* paid to obtain 40*s.* Endorsed with a memorandum by the Navy Comrs. that Ensign Baxter, being invited to make good his charge before the Board, sent excuses by Sir Wm. Batten for non-attendance, his witnesses being out of town. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

111. 1. *Certificate by John Gollick and* 16 *others, of never having at any time been denied or delayed by James Carcase and Rich. Washington in the dispatch of their tickets longer than was necessarily occasioned by waiting in common course. Think the persons who bring the scandalous information are such as trade in the oppression wherewith they try to stigmatize others. July* 30, 1666.

July 31. Cockpit. 112. Duke of Albemarle to Sam. Pepys. Thinks the warrant granted to the parishes of Borebam, Springfield, Little Waltham, and other places in Essex, for the carriage of timber for Capt. Taylor's ship, is contrary to the Act of Parliament, which orders no carts to be impressed above 12 miles from where the timber is cut; desires a copy of the warrant, of the Council's order, and of Capt. Taylor's contract with the city. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 31. Plymouth. 113. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Woolly of Dartmouth offers cordage at 46*s.* per cwt., paying freight and charges, if the Commissioners will undertake the risk by sea; the Prize Comrs. refuse to deliver the two deal and tar ships, altbougb they will give up the goods; the Patrick from Bristol and the Friezland have arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 31. Portsmouth Dockyard. 114. Comr. Thos. Middleton to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Eastwood, the purveyor, will prove the bargain to be made by the Lord Treasurer's man, viz., to deliver 200 loads of oak timber at the water, at 32*s.* per load; has received an express with news from the fleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 31. Plymouth. 115. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Explains the order and arrangement of his accounts; intends sending a second edition amended and corrected, for fear his "nonage might have committed some errors." [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

115. 1. *Schedule of letters of credit for victuals granted to* 10 *ships, during the months of June and July,* 1666.

July 31. Woolwich. 116. Certificate by Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs., that the joiner's work of tbe new 8th-rate frigate is well performed by Rich. Dowson, according to contract. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July. Confirmation to the Dyers of London of their former charters &c., with alterations and additions. [*Docquet.*]

July. Corroboration of presentation of Daniel Cudmere to the rectory of Holdsworthy, co. Devon. [*Docquet.*]

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July. Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the new raised forces in the war against the Dutch, 10,000*l.* out of 1,250,000*l.* raised on the Additional Act. [*Docquet.*]

July. Warrant to pay to Sir Edw. Savage 300*l.*, without account. [*Docquet.*]

July. Warrant to pay to Col. Wm. Legg 300*l.*, for the fortifications of the Island of Scilly. [*Docquet.*]

July. Whitehall. 117. Commission of cornetcy of horse to Alex. Standish in the Earl of Peterborough's regiment.

July. Commission for —— Fielding to be Lieutenant to the company of foot in Carlisle Castle, whereof Sir Phil. Musgrave is captain. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 119.]

[July.] Warrant for an additional establishment as specified for the Islands of Scilly, Truscoe, and St. Mary's Castle, to be continued till further order. [*Ent. Book* 20, *p.* 127.]

[July.] Warrants to John Bradley to convey —— Rosine to Windsor Castle, and to Lord Mordaunt to receive him prisoner for high misdemeanors. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 212.]

July ? 118. Petition of Richard Bower to the Commissioners of Prizes, for speedy payment of his expenses and for his trouble for 16 months past, which though not as successful as was hoped, has yet terrified embezzlers from such practices in future, and provoked commissioners in the out ports to greater care.

[July.] Warrant to pay 27*l.* to Richard Bower, for his services in discovery of embezzled goods. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, *p.* 215.]

July ? 119. Order for a warrant to pay to Sir Edw. Turner, assignee for the late Sir Rich. Fanshaw, ambassador to Spain, 1,000*l.* due to him in advance on June 8, 1666, for his quarterly allowance, although he died at Madrid on June 16; also to pay to the same 1,000*l.* in addition, as a grant to Ann Lady Fanshaw, towards the expense of conveying the body and family of the said ambassador to England, which is chargeable and dangerous on account of the war. Endorsed, "Sir Ph. Warwick." [2 *pages.*]

July ? 120. Petition of Fras. Holcroft, prisoner in Cambridge Castle, to the King. Was indicted in 1664 for frequenting unlawful assemblies, and in danger of execution as a felon; on petition, obtained leave to go abroad for seven years, but was desirous to secure a residence in France first; and owing to the delay in taking out the order, first the plague and then the war with France prevented his going; now his order for release, directed to John Dryden, then sheriff, is no authority to the present high sheriff; begs therefore an extension of clemency, to prevent his being again proceeded against as a felon.

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Jnly ? Whitehall. 121. [Lord Arlington] to the Mayor of Dover. The King is informed of the breaking out of the infection in La Force's house, and wishes all possible diligence to be used by the magistracy to prevent its spreading further. An account of the health of the town is to be returned to him from time to time. [*Draft.*]

July. 122. Frances Briscoe to Williamson. Begs his presence and influence to procure better terms for her husband from Mr. Astree, a Gloucestershire man, who owes her husband 150*l.*, but being clerk of the assize, has long suspended the cause from trial.

Jnly ? 123. —— to the King. Wishing to satisfy His Majesty about his grant to the writer of an almsman's place in Christ Church, Oxford, in place of Rich. Hewes, has proved before Dr. Fell, dean of Christ Church, that the said Hewes came to the house of one of the King's servants and demanded his writings, in order to gather his rents for the Parliament, and on resistance, shot him to death. He said he had more right to the crown than His Majesty, was a serjeant of foot in the wars, and a trooper against Sir George Booth's rising, but would scorn to take arms for the King. He keeps the almsman's place, saying he cares not for His Majesty's reference in favour of the writer, which has been lost, for it is only a piece of paper. Begs a patent for the place. Since the Restoration, served against Lambert, under Sir Ant. Cope, kept guard under Sir Wm. Throgmorton the night His Majesty returned from Portsmouth, and then enlisted in Col. Russell's regiment, and served faithfully till called home by the wants and sickness of his wife and children.

July ? 124. John Beverley to Sir Wm. Berkeley, governor of Portsmouth. Having formerly received his commands to follow him to England if he liked not to stay there, intends to do it, having had little encouragement since Sir Hugh went and Sir Henry came. Begs some employment under him. Requests his acceptance of a small piece of plate.

July. Park Gate, Chester Water. 125. Ma. Anderton to James Hickes. Is recommended to attend the Duke of Ormond at Dublin, and is going to sea this tide, to return in 14 days.

July ? Saturday. 126. Ja. Hayes to the Navy Comrs. The gunner of the French Ruby was given that employment by Prince Rupert, in consideration of his behaviour in the June engagement, where he preserved the Prince's life to the imminent danger of his own. He is now removed upon an unjust complaint, and another person put in his place. Begs a good word to Sir Wm. Coventry for him, that he may at least receive some other gunner's place. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July ? 127. Walter Dowrick, muster master to the division of the Vice-Admiral of the Red, to the Navy Comrs. Has kept a due check on

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the pursers books and accounts, and mustered the men when he could get to the ships, but was often forced to borrow boats, and was kept hours, and sometimes days, on board, waiting the captain's pleasure to spare a boat. With a boat of his own, could muster every fortnight, and prevent the entering and discharging of men between the musters without his knowledge. The captains refused to give monthly books having no instructions so to do, and saying they would not be the Commissioners' clerks They refused him any assistance and abused him at pleasure. Has taken a strict survey and obtained most of the books, which will be brought in as examined. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 128. Account of Walter Dowrick, muster master of the Vice-Admiral's division of the Red, of the disposal of six dozen books received from the Navy Comrs., to the pursers and stewards of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July. 129. Abstract of loans to the Loyal George from the stores of Harwich, Chatham, Dover, Deal, Portsmouth, and Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July. 130. Account by John Shales and Ant. Stratton of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, returned at Portsmouth in July. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July. 131. Schedule, by John Shales of letters of credit delivered to the pursers of four ships at Portsmouth in July. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July. 132. Account of cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, returned from ships at Dover in July 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 133. List of nine victuallers employed by Mr. Gauden, with the masters' names and tonnage of each. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 134. Account of the situation and state of lading of 12 victualling and 22 water ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 135. List of victualling ships and ketches, 19 belonging to the King and 26 hired. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 136. Memorandum of the stations of the fire-ships, also of victualling and water ships, and of ships to be hired. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 137. Draft of the above. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 138. Names of eight shipwrights to be protected while employed in Wm. Greaves' yard, fitting two fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July? 139. Certificate by Capt. Wm. Peach that the bearer, John Goodrick, surgeon of the True Love, has not received any free-gift nor imprest money since 16th March 1665, and is in want of medicines for his chest. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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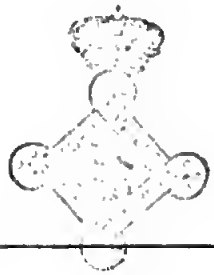
July. 141–148. List of papers signed by the King during the month, viz.:—July 2nd, 71; July 5th, 99; July 6th, 5; July 10th, 13, and 11th, 5; July 13th, 39; July 15th, 13; July 18th, 13; July 24th, 13. [8 *papers.*]



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